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Make Labor Day Mooney-Billings Day, Rally's Slogan

FINAL VICTORY IS IMMINENT FOR WORKERS

MARINE LABOR MARCHES 8,000 AT S.F. RALLY

Wanderer Not Even on Platform; Bridges Tells How Prisoners Inspired Marine Unions

SAN FRANCISCO. — "Make Labor Day Mooney and Billings Day!"

With that determination in mind, 8,000 people of the Bay area, largely from the trade unions assembled in Civic Auditorium, Sunday afternoon to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the frame-up of Tom Mooney and Warren K. Billings, which occurred on July 26, 1916.

Its quietness heightening all the more its iron determination, a march of close to 4,000 members of the maritime unions in this area preceded the mass meeting. Carrying aloft the banners of unions including I. L. A. Local 38-79; the Sailors' Union, Marine Firemen, the Warehousemen, the Sealers, District Council No. 2 of the Maritime Federation, and others, the marchers assembled at Clay and Commercial streets, near the historic waterfront, and when they came to County Jail, halted for five minutes in impressive tribute to Tom Mooney. The marchers shouted "Free Mooney and Billings!"

CHEERS FOR MARITIME UNIONS

Their banners still aloft, the maritime workers marched into Civic Auditorium in a body, amidst the rousing cheers of the already assembled audience.

An inspiring feature of the march was the section composed of the members of Machinists' (Continued on Page 2, Col. 4)

Browder Will Speak Despite 'Red Squad'

LOS ANGELES.—Despite "Red Squad" and Chamber of Commerce activities to keep the Communist Party from renting auditoriums, Earl Browder, Communist candidate for President of the United States, will speak here on Sunday, August 9th, at the Atlantic Ave. Bowl, 2727 Atlantic ave.

The contract was signed last Saturday. Seating capacity is 10,000.

Following refusal of the owner of the White Sox Ball Park to remove a clause in the contract providing for approval by the "Red Squad," the Communist campaign committee secured the bowl.

The Atlantic Avenue Bowl is located one-half mile south of East 9th street and Atlantic ave.

BROWDER ON AIR

SAN FRANCISCO.—Building wide popular interest throughout Northern California for the appearance of Earl Browder here at Dreamland Auditorium the night of Wednesday, August 12, three broadcasts will go out over local radio stations.

Feature will be Browder's broadcast, Station KGO, Monday, Aug. 11, 7 to 7:30 p. m. Anna Whitney will speak Monday, Aug. 3, 6:30 to 6:45 p. m. Station KROW, and Lawrence Rosi speaks Monday, Aug. 10, at the same time over KROW.

Tribute to Tom



TENS OF thousands of workers honored Tom Mooney at big rallies in cities throughout the country this last week-end. They commemorated the 20th anniversary of the Mooney-Billings frame-up and pledged to redouble the fight for their freedom.

Move to Scotch Black Legion in Southern Calif.

LOS ANGELES.—Evidence of the presence of the sinister Black Legion has come to light in Los Angeles.

Following the bloody pattern of the Detroit Black Legion 'thrill killers,' six men, three of them known police officers, forced Horace Hampton, Negro employee of Warner Bros. studio, into a car at 41st and Central ave., and after brutally beating and kicking him released him at the corner of Jefferson and Stanford streets.

BOAST OF BLACK LEGION
"We are members of the Black Legion," one of his captors said boastfully. He was ordered to leave the city by Monday.

According to a news story published in Local 38-79 will take place in September.

Bridges Resigns As 38-79 Pres.; Due to Dist. Work

SAN FRANCISCO.—Because of the pressure of his duties as president of the District I. L. A., Harry Bridges has announced his resignation as president of Local 38-79.

Bridges plans to devote full time to work as head of the Pacific Coast District. The resignation was acted on at a meeting Monday in Scottish Rite Auditorium. Elections for Bridges' successor in Local 38-79 will take place in September.

Ryan Calls Off Strike of 10,000 ILA Men in South

SAVANNAH, Ga.—Joseph P. Ryan has definitely called off the proposed strike of 10,000 I. L. A. members on the docks of eight ports from Wilmington, N. C. to Pensacola, Fla., on the South Atlantic Coast.

AUG. 1 RALLY HITS FASCIST COPELAND LAW

Waterfront Meet: Meetings in L. A., Oakland, Ft. Bragg; Shelley Speaks in S. F. Hall

To the maritime workers up and down the Coast, August 1, the fighting day against war and fascism, will this year mean a day of militant protest against the fascist Copeland blacklisting law.

The maritime unions will join scores of thousands of people throughout the country in the determination that no brutal slaughter through imperialist war shall happen again.

WATERFRONT RALLY

Besides the impressive mass meeting to be held on the evening of August 1 in Scottish Rite Auditorium, San Francisco, a rally of waterfront workers is planned for 12 noon at Embarcadero and Market.

The Marine Firemen and the Marine Cooks have already endorsed the rally, and will send official speakers; it is expected that the Maritime Federation, Council 2, will do likewise.

The maritime unions will rally not only against the Copeland law, which would shackle the seamen through continuous discharge books, but will also repeat their determination not to handle war cargo.

The demonstration is backed also by the Joint Board of the International Ladies Garment Workers, the American Youth Congress, the Socialist and Communist Parties, in addition to the many organizations affiliated with the League Against War and Fascism.

SHELLEY TO SPEAK

John D. Barry will be chairman of the evening mass meeting. Jack Shelley, vice president of the San Francisco Labor Council, Henry Schmidt of I. L. A. Local 38-79; Sam Diner, of the ILGWU, speakers from the Modesto Defense, the Marine Firemen, Sealers and other unions will address the meeting.

A parade is planned on Aug. 1 in Los Angeles. In Oakland a mass meeting will be held at the Women's City Club. Ft. Bragg is another California city where a meeting will be held.

For a Free France



MAURICE THOREZ, secretary of the French Communist Party, and a leader of the People's Front.

American Labor Party Is Born; AFL Men Head It

NEW YORK CITY.—New developments in the Labor Party movement here are of such importance that they require the focussing of the attention of organized labor throughout the country.

The American Labor Party is the name selected by New York's Labor Non Partisan League for the new political organization it has just formed.

Though supporting Roosevelt for president and Lehman for governor, the new Labor Party will run independent organized labor candidates for state and local officers. All existing groups in the Farmer-Labor Party movement in this state are preparing to discuss affiliation with the new party.

Heywood Brown, president of the Newspaper Guild, heads the negotiating committee, appointed by the joint executive committee of the Trade Union Committee for a Labor Party and the Peoples Committee for a Farmer-Labor Party, to confer with vice president Antonini of the International Ladies Garment Workers, who is chairman of the Non-Partisan League here.

TO DEFEAT REACTION

The Socialist Party has been requested by the Communist Party, which has polled as much as 50,000 votes here, to hold a joint conference on the new situation.

ISU TERMS FOR SUP'S CHARTER ARE GIVEN OUT

Open Appeal by Hunter Gives Autonomy in Agreements, Elections; Position on Maritime

SAN FRANCISCO.—An open appeal to the officers and members of the Sailors' Union of the Pacific, signed by Ivan Hunter, I. S. U. secretary-treasurer has been made public and was distributed at the Central Labor Council's last meeting.

THE ISU TERMS

Included in the open letter are the terms of settlement offered by the I. S. U. for restoration of the S. U. P. charter. The terms are:

The ISU will restore the charter as of March 31, 1936, and the SUP shall not be required to pay per capita tax for any periods before then; the SUP may conduct its own negotiations for wages and working conditions with the shipowners such agreements to be subject to a referendum of the membership.

"With respect to the Maritime Federation of the Pacific," the terms state, "and subject to the final determination of the A. F. of L., no objection will be raised to the S. U. P. cooperating with the other maritime unions as the other District Unions are doing, provided that the constitution and by-laws of the Maritime Federation of the Pacific shall comply with those of the ISU and A. F. of L."

It is further stated that with respect to the amendments (Continued on Page 2, Col. 5.)

Protest Fascist Injunction Suit!

FRESNO.—"Rush protests to Superior Judge C. E. Beaumont," urged the Communist Campaign Committee in the 9th Congressional District, as the fascist-inspired petition for an injunction to remove Carl B. Patterson from the August primary ballot was scheduled to come up here Friday, July 31st, 11 a. m.

The 'Anti-Communist League' is trying to get Patterson off the Congressional ballot under the Criminal Syndicalism Act.

The Way to End Anti-Picket Laws



LOS ANGELES LABOR SHOWS THE WAY to end anti-picketing ordinances. Here's a mass picket line, backed by the Labor Council, in front of the unfair May's dept. store on Broadway. San Francisco unions, please take note.

SPAIN HI-LIGHTS

JAEN.—Cordoba radio station announces fascists are ready to surrender; People's Front airplanes bombard Cordoba.

TOLEDO.—Workers' militia and loyal troops drive fascists out of ancient fortress of Alcazar and capture Toledo.

MADRID.—Syndicalist National Confederation of Labor (CNT) has issued manifesto to people of Zaragoza, still in fascist hands, asking unconditional support of the left-wing government.

MADRID.—Dolores Ibaruri, famous La Pasionaria as Communist leader, and Largo Caballero, left Socialist leader, at front leading workers' militia.

BARCELONA.—Libertad Rodena, mother of five children marches at head of workers' militia on Zaragoza.

MADRID.—Fascist generals captured are Gode, Varela, Barrera Fanjun. Generals Garcia, Sanjurjo and Herran were killed, the last named by his own deceived soldiers.

GUADARRAMAS.—Fascists under General Emilio Mola defeated by People's Front forces and retreating.

Operator of 1-Man Car Killed

OAKLAND.—Death rides with one-man street cars. J. E. McDowell, 52, 9272 D street, operator of a one-man car, was killed here instantly last Saturday when his car collided with a Southern Pacific electric train at San Pablo and Stanford aves.

Milk Drivers in E. Bay Strike Win Pay Boost

OAKLAND.—East Bay milk drivers made definite gains as a result of their strike action at the Diamond Dairy, which was followed with a lockout by the Alameda County Milk Dealers Association.

The strike at the Diamond plant was called by Milk Drivers Union No. 372. Eight dairies, which acceded to the union's demands were not closed down. Several hundred drivers were affected.

As a result of the test of strength, the Union and employers agreed, after arbitration, on a settlement which boosted wages from \$164 to \$174 a month, with five days off each month for the first six months of the year, and six days for the second six months.

The Diamond walkout was concerned also with working conditions.

L. A. Milk Price Rise Hits Worker

LOS ANGELES.—A 1-cent a quart advance in milk prices here hit workers' families hard. The new price is 11 cents, and an additional increase is considered probable in the near future.

Workers' Militia Converges On Mola's Fascists, As Premier Reports Victories

(By Cable from Mundo Obrero, Central Organ of the Spanish Communist Party)

MADRID.—Magnificent victories by the forces of the People's Front are annihilating fascism throughout Spain. The victory of the People's Front is assured. Fascist nests remain only in small centers. The Government is in power in Madrid, Barcelona, Valencia, Cordoba, Cartagena, Malaga, Seville and in other important cities. The garisons at Alcala and Guadalajara surrendered.

FASCIST TO FLEE

The fascist chief, General Francisco Franco, has been sending messages in an effort to get plane to facilitate his flight.

A real army has sprung up from the masses. All the people of Spain are under arms with a workers' militia, and many young workers at their head.

Mundo Obrero and President Manuel Azana's political organ were issued for the first time since the fascist outbreak last Friday from the presses of the reactionary Catholic Journal, El Debate.

ATTACK MOLA

GUADARRAMAS.—General Jose Riquelme, director general of public security, has assumed command of the People's Front forces here in the mountains and has launched an attack on the retreating fascist forces of General Emilio Mola.

General Riquelme told the government, it is reported, that he believes he can sweep these strategic mountains free of fascists within 48 hours.

From the northern Asturias (Continued on Page 2, Col. 6)

Big Holly Sugar Corp. Struck In Tracy

TRACY, Calif.—The Holly Sugar Corp. refinery has been struck, and the powerful sugar barons have brought the authorities into action against the strikers.

Sheriff Harvey Odell has been conveying strikebreakers to and from the plant, which is four miles from town. Highway patrolmen stood ready to shoot pickets, warning them not to stop automobiles carrying scabs.

Two non-union workers were injured in a fight with pickets. Five cars containing scabs were 'popped over,' it is reported.

The workers are striking against the open shop and for better wages.

250 S. Jose Pear Packers Strike For Wage Raise

SAN JOSE.—Over 250 workers in a dozen pear-packing plants here have gone on strike. They demand an increase from 6 to 7 cents per box for packing pears. The packers have immediately asked Sheriff Lyle to use terror against the strikers.

The International Ladies Garment Union brought Anthony Bros., a dress plant which skipped San Francisco, to its knees, forcing it after a 1-month strike to sign a union agreement.

Al "Liberal" Apologizes for Fascism

By Wm. Schneiderman.

The heroic struggle of the workers and peasants comprising the People's Front of Spain against the fascist attempt to establish a military dictatorship through civil war has aroused the sympathy and support of the masses of workers and farmers and all sincere opponents of war and fascism throughout the world.

It is therefore strange, to say the least, to hear from the pens of people who like to call themselves liberals and believers in democracy, a defense and apology for the crimes of fascism in Spain such as recently appeared in the San Francisco Chronicle and the San Francisco News.

ROWELL DEFENDS FASCISM
Mr. Chester Rowell, editor of

the Chronicle and supporter of the Hearst-Liberty League-Landon alliance, wrote the following on July 23rd under the heading "Fascism in Spain Less Evil":

"As between the two evils, the world will hope that the Spanish rebels will win, and win quickly. They are bad enough, but the alternative is worse. They will not establish justice or liberty in Spain, but they will restore order. They represent an arbitrary military dictatorship, in the service of a decadent aristocracy and of an archaic and impossible economic system. They are reaction in its most extreme and stupid form. But they will at least set up something out of which better things may come. Their opponents would destroy that

which could not be restored. This is the reason why, until democracy and liberty can be revived, the spread of the fascist movement, already in control of Central Europe, will be a more tolerable calamity than the over-leaping of the communist movement from Russia to Spain."

The San Francisco News, which has on numerous occasions taken an editorial stand denouncing fascist tendencies in our own country and state, and in defense of civil liberties and the rights of labor, has the following to say in an editorial on July 24th:

"Just as the revolution of 1931 was to rid Spain of the tyranny, abuses and violence of the extreme right, the 1936 revolution is to rid Spain of

the violence, abuses and tyranny of the extreme left."

Thus we see "impartial observers" from their Olympian heights become apologists for the blackest forces of reaction, the enemies of liberty and progress.

THE ISSUE IN SPAIN TODAY

The issue in Spain today is NOT Communism; it is the issue of the defense of democracy, around which the People's Front has rallied the majority of the workers and peasants, against the onslaught of Fascism, which has gathered around itself all the exploiters of the people, the wealthy capitalists and landowners and monarchists and militarists.

Who is responsible for the civil war in Spain? To those who ask why the issue could not be (Continued on Page 2, Col. 2)

S. F. MACHINISTS TELL THE LABOR COUNCIL THEY'LL BACK E. BAY STRIKE; SUP CHARTER UP

Hunter's Open Appeal Circulated to Delegates and Tillman Speaks; Ernst Clarifies Culinary Unions' Attitude On Chinese Restaurants; It's Not a Race Question

SAN FRANCISCO.—A little life was breathed into last Friday's session of the San Francisco Central Labor Council, especially by the spirited report of the Machinists' 68 delegate.

This delegate announced that Machinists Local 68 is in complete accord with the stand taken by East Bay Lodge 284, which has refused to obey the order of the Grand Lodge to call off the strike of 1800 workers in East Bay machine shops.

"We will not stand idly by and see them sacrificed," the San Francisco Machinists' delegate said. "The Alameda County Labor Council has endorsed the strike and so have trade unions in the East Bay area. It seems everybody endorses the strike except the employers and our International."

When the Waitresses delegate urged the trade union members to boycott Chinese restaurants, Culinary Workers delegate Ernst rose to clarify the delegates on the culinary union's attitude toward orientals. He made it clear that the culinary unions were not against Chinese or other Orientals as such, and was sharp in urging that this be not made a race issue.

Ernst pointed out that the culinary unions want all Oriental workers to join, and informed the delegates that the culinary unions did not want them to boycott any Chinese restaurants which had union conditions. He told how culinary unions in other cities have organized Chinese restaurants.

Delegate Sanders of the Ornamental Iron Workers reported that their agreement had ended Friday, and that the union was demanding \$1.12 for both outside and inside men.

ORNAMENTAL IRON DISPUTE

At present outside men get this, but inside men are paid 90 cents an hour. The employers had offered to pay \$1 to inside men, but the union had rejected this. The union was willing to compromise on \$1 an hour for inside men until Jan. 1, but this the bosses had rejected. Sanders assured the East Bay machinists of his union's support. He said a strike meeting of his own union will be held Wednesday.

SAILORS' CHARTER

Copies of an open appeal to the officers and members of the Sailors Union of the Pacific, by Ivan Hunter, ISU secretary-treasurer, were given out to the delegates. The appeal contained the ISU offer for restoration of the SUP charter, printed elsewhere in this issue.

Tillman, of the Sailors, former delegate to the Council, was given the floor by Secretary Vandeleur. He stated that the SUP had not received any proposals from the ISU, although evidence seems to show otherwise. Tillman asked that the SUP proposals be printed in the Labor Clarion, as the ISU ones will be. This request was granted.

E. Bay Authorities Supply Police To Shell Oil

OAKLAND.—Heavy police guards accompanied Shell Oil trucks beginning Sunday, as a result of the boycott by the Teamsters' Union. The latter union continued to picket 500 Shell service stations in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties.

The police were supplied at the request of the company, despite the peacefulness of picketing.

Welcome Affair for Anita Whitney

SAN FRANCISCO.—Welcome gathering for Anita Whitney will be held here next Friday, July 31st, 8 p. m., at Redman's Hall, 3053 - 16th street, by the Anita Whitney for Congress Committee.

Anita Whitney is Communist candidate in the 4th District. Entertainment and refreshments are planned.

Where Else Are Such Strides Made?



AT THE MOSCOW AIRPORT. A statue of Lenin, liberator of the Russian masses, points to a giant passenger airliner cruising overhead. Soviet aviation has made bigger strides forward in civil aviation than anywhere else, because it's not a question of profit-making, only of the people's welfare.

AFL Council Takes Illegal Powers; Steel Drive Sped

WASHINGTON.—With the secret and illegal adoption of rules empowering itself to suspend or expel unions without waiting for a two-thirds convention majority, the A. F. of L. Executive Council reactionaries seem definitely bent toward splitting the labor movement.

Despite this, the drive to organize 500,000 steel workers, led by the C. I. O., goes on apace. In an effort to stem the tide of organization, the U. S. Steel Corp. and others have announced payment for overtime at time and a half, an unheard-of gesture by the steel barons.

Inclusion of 450,000 workers in steel processing and steel fabricating is announced by the C. I. O. in its drive.

Mr. Rowell weeps over the fate of the Czarist aristocracy which he says "with all its crimes, represented the most selected blood and almost the only educated leadership in Russia." But he admits that the same ruling aristocracy behind the fascist uprising in Spain "represent an arbitrary military dictatorship, in the service of a decadent aristocracy and of an archaic and impossible economic system."

THE "EDUCATED CLASS"

This "educated class" of Russia kept the entire Russian people in ignorance and illiteracy under Czarism, while today the workers and peasants of the Soviet Union are the educated class, and books and libraries and schools and science and culture are the property of the millions instead of the few.

Even those among the former ruling "educated class" were not "wiped out," as Rowell claims. Robin Kinkead says:

"Naturally they (the Soviet leaders) were suspicious of the White Russians (anti-Soviet—W. S.), those whose interests had been identified with the former order. And yet it is a white Russian who shows that he sincerely accepted the new order he'd be treated with consideration, maybe assigned to important work."

And regarding the bugaboo in the capitalist press about "Moscow gold" being responsible for revolutionary movements in other countries, Kinkead was quoted: "The Soviet Government, he believed, was spending no money on trying to convert the world. If there was any converting done in other countries it would be done by those who had studied Marx for themselves."

Is it not clear that the only catastrophe to the masses of people is the danger of a fascist victory in Spain or any other country? The victory of the anti-fascist people's front as well as the final inevitable victory of Socialism can be only a catastrophe for the ruling class which Mr. Rowell unguardedly admitted to be a "decadent aristocracy and of an archaic and impossible economic system."

The workers, the farmers, the middle classes, all those whose interests are bound up with the fate of the working class and who see the need of fighting against the reactionary fascist forces, will not shed any tears over their fate.

Marine Labor Marches to Mooney Rally

(Continued From Page One) Local 284, on strike in 37 East Bay plants. They, too, carried their banner.

The mass meeting was opened by Hugo Ernst, leader of the culinary workers. H. C. Carrasco, division chairman of the Railway and Steamship Clerks, was chairman of the rally. He pointed out that he spoke as the accredited representative of 1,000,000 railroad workers, through the Railroad Union's Mooney Defense Committee. The latter, with the Moulder's Defense, sponsored the big rally.

The audience was electrified, before the speakers began, by a telegram from Earl Browder, general secretary of the Communist Party, and its presidential candidate.

Browder's telegram, on behalf of the Central Committee, told Mooney and Billings that "your leadership in the past and present is an inspiration for trade union unity and the building of a Farmer-Labor Party." The applause shook the big auditorium.

William Spooner, secretary of the Alameda County Labor Council, in reviewing aspects of the frame-up, said that "I care not what organization it is, I stand ready to cooperate with it in bringing about the release of our brothers—Mooney and Billings."

George Davis, attorney for Mooney and Billings, told in detail how the frame-up was woven. He told of a waterfront strike raging here in 1916, just before the frame-up, and the slander of the press against it. "How history repeat itself," he exclaimed.

Jenny Matyas, education director of the ILGWU, made a collection speech, which brought in \$2881, including \$1000 from the Railroad Unions' Committee.

The applause was deafening when Harry Bridges, fighting leader of San Francisco's longshoremen, rose to speak. "The appearance on this platform of leaders with differing ideas shows that organized labor can submerge any differences and unite in such a cause as the freedom of Mooney and Billings," Bridges said. "They represented, 20 years ago, the type of trade unionism now represented by maritime labor, and which is becoming general today."

No better tributes could be paid Mooney and Billings, Bridges said, than to link the fight for better wages and conditions with the fight for their freedom.

George Kidwell, secretary of the Bakery Wagon Drivers, referred to the half-hearted, puny efforts for Mooneys and Billings by certain reactionary trade union leaders of this city, when he said, "Those who are closest to us tell us that the Mooney-Billings case is a dead issue." Edward Vandeleur, president of the San Francisco Labor Council, and of the State Federation of Labor, was not even present on the platform.

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AMERICAN CAN STRIKERS WIN 3D BIG STRIKE

60 to 11 Cents an Hour in Wage Increases; 40-Hour-Week Are Gained

OAKLAND.—The third important strike victory gained by the new Federal Laborers' Union since its birth three months ago has been won by the strikers of the American Can Co. here.

After eight weeks of struggle the company has granted wage increases ranging from 6 to 11 cents an hour; the 40-hour week, and time and a half for overtime.

A minimum wage of 50 cents an hour for men and 40 cents for women is established; but the company agreed to pay women 45 cents.

Even though actual union recognition is not gained, it is considered that a big step in that direction has been achieved by forcing such a notoriously scab firm to come to terms with the union.

After eight weeks, the California Cotton Mills strike continues solid.

ISU Terms on SUP Charter Given

(Continued From Page One) adopted by the 1936 ISU convention, the SUP's status shall be the same as that of the Pacific Coast Marine Firemen and the Cooks.

ELECTIONS UP TO SUP

The holding of a new election of SUP officers is left to the SUP membership. The SUP is called on to pass a resolution rescinding the "Crooks Resolution," although it is stipulated that this will not mean any present SUP member losing his membership. (The "Crooks Resolution" gave preference to members of the Marine Workers' Industrial Union in considering admission to the union.)

The SUP is called on to guarantee to obey all lawful orders of the Executive Board, also, not to engage in "quickie" strikes or "job action" in "violation of the ISU Constitution."

If the terms are accepted, the SUP is to dismiss its suit filed against the ISU.

These terms have been described by Harry Bridges and the I.L.A. District Executive Board as a basis for return of the SUP to the A. F. of L.

Harry Lundeborg, SUP secretary, predicted that the SUP will not accept "a plan compelling it to abide by amendments to the constitution adopted after the SUP was kicked out."

The Marine Firemen and the Cooks, despite these amendments, it is pointed out, nevertheless maintain democracy on the Pacific Coast, and the amendments, which would restrict rank and file control are not being enforced.

The sentiment of the rank and file of the S. U. P. is for acceptance of these terms, as voiced by their approval at a special meeting held last week, which was addressed by Harry Bridges.

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FASCISTS ARE RUNNING FROM WORKER-ARMY

Premier Calls for Adding Workers' Militia to Spanish Army

(Continued From Page 1) mountains, a strong detachment of miners was converging on the Mola forces, while another powerful army of workers' militia and loyal Civil Guards was attacking from the Catalonian area to place the fascists in the jaws of a vise.

REPORTS VICTORIES

MADRID.—Premier Jose Giral Pereira issued the following statement:

"We are masters of the whole coast line now, except at Córroña on the northwest coast and Cadiz on the southwest coast."

"The fleet has been enthusiastic in our support since the first and is keeping fascists from seriously reinforcing their army in the south. The air force as well supports us. The danger of a siege of Madrid has passed."

FASCISTS ISOLATED

"The fascists now possess only intermediate zones, in which they are besieged and are unable to obtain food, munitions or fuel. The gasoline supply is in our hands. We are receiving one million cartridges a day from Toledo, and gun powder from Murcia."

"As for the future, we must reorganize the army, including in it in some way the workers' militia. Our policy will be based on strengthening the left wing popular front."

The premier had just returned from the Guadarrama front, and was enthusiastic at the morale of the men and women of the working class militia.

The four Galician provinces in northwest Spain have surrendered to the People's Front.

Estimated casualties thus far are 19,000 throughout Spain.

GIBRALTAR.—The new aerial bombardment of Melilla and Ceuta in Spanish Morocco was announced as "effective." Foreign Legion fascists and workers' militia were reported fighting hand-to-hand in this area.

WEBB SAYS NO 'EVIDENCE' OF TERROR

SANTA ANA.—An agreement granting an hourly wage, as well as a rate per box, was reported signed between the Orange Pickers' Union and the growers. Exact terms were not stated.

LOS ANGELES.—In the face of mass violence and terror against striking orange pickers of Orange County by "legal" authorities and vigilantes alike, State Attorney General U. S. Webb declared he could not find "any evidence" of such terror in a letter answering charges made by J. W. Buzzell, secretary of the Los Angeles Central Labor Council.

"I have been unable to find any evidence indicating or justifying the charge or the suggestion of property destruction, attack or pillage or that law authorities of that county are not endeavoring to protect alike all people of that county, whether property owners, laborers, or otherwise, who act within the law," said Webb.

WEBB WHITEWASH

"Although there have been many acts of violence during the strike, law-enforcing authorities of Orange County have acted honestly and earnestly in each particular case."

Webb stated that "the only marauding citizens were 150 Mexicans trying to halt work."

The attorney general concluded by saying, "If conditions were as bad as you (Buzzell) painted, I could do nothing to bring about enforcement, but it would clearly be a case for martial law."

Numerous affidavits of strikers testify to the violence against them by the growers and their vigilantes, "legal" and illegal. Webb's reply, in effect, gives encouragement to the organization of new violence against the workers.

CAMPAIGN TO REPEAL CS GOES ON!

The initiative petition campaign to repeal the Criminal Syndicalism Act has not stopped!

Although sufficient signatures to place the repeal initiative on the November ballot were not secured by the deadline of July 20th, the petitions must be pressed forward to secure the 240,000 signatures by August 20th in California, which will place the measure on the state election ballot of 1938, stated the executive committee of the State Conference for Repeal of the C. S. Act.

NEW DEADLINES

Investigation into the legal technicalities showed that all signatures collected thus far, including those already filed, can be used for this August 20th deadline. In San Francisco, only, this deadline extends to August 27th on a legal technicality.

The 1938 ballot will see the Republican gubernatorial incumbent, Merriam, come up for re-election.

Even if the 240,000 signatures are not collected by the new deadline, stated the executive committee, they will be utilized to the fullest extent by presenting them to the new State Legislature convening in January, 1937.

CONFIDENT OF VICTORY

"However," declared Herbert Nigent, state secretary, "we are confident that our workers in the trade unions and other organizations will sweep victoriously over the top by August 20th!"

"We have approximately 100,000 signatures collected to date, we estimate, and with conscientious effort by our circulators, we are certain to collect the 140,000 more."

"Let's have 1000 circulators, or more, who will pledge to bring in at least 100 signatures between now and the deadline!"

Petitions should be brought or mailed to the state headquarters, 121 Haight street, San Francisco, or to the Southern California Councils for Constitutional Rights, 129 West 2nd street, Los Angeles.

Move to Scotch Black Legion In L. A.

(Continued From Page One)

lished yesterday in the Sentinel, a Negro weekly here, the night-riding police officers were identified as Bill Ellis, Leo Johnson, and Murphy, attached to Newton street division.

Their companions were said to be a member of the staff of District Attorney Buron Fitts, a wealthy oil man and a local physician. Every protection is being afforded them by law-enforcing agencies.

The car is registered in the name of the Los Angeles police department, later investigation revealed.

A thorough investigation of the kidnapping and slugging is being made by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and, its officers declare, every pressure will be brought to insure a speedy justice.

PROTEST MEETINGS

Protest meetings have been called by numerous organizations, both white and Negro, throughout the city.

Announcement was made tonight by the Communist Party of a street meeting at 43rd and Central, Saturday, August 1, at 3 p. m. to protest Black Legionism in any form in Los Angeles. Immediate expulsion of the three officers from the police force and criminal complaints against all of the terrorists will be demanded.

Among the speakers will be John Leech, Los Angeles County organizer for the Communist Party and candidate for Congress in the 17th District. Pettis Perry, Goodyear sub-section organizer for the Communist Party, will also speak.

Candidates for office on all tickets will be invited to participate in the Central ave. street meeting. At least 10,000 leaflets will be issued, those in charge said.

SEAMEN OPPOSE SCHARRENBERG

SAN FRANCISCO.—The Sailors' Union of the Pacific expressed intense dissatisfaction with the appointment of Paul Scharrenberg to the National Maritime Commission. A wire was sent Roosevelt.

BURON FITTS WORKS CLOSE WITH NAZISM

Fascist Thugs Take Vengeance Upon L. A. Citizen Who Objects

LOS ANGELES.—Nazi vengeance has already been visited on one Los Angeles citizen of German descent who objected when District Attorney Buron Fitts, accompanied by two known leaders of the Hitler Friends of New Germany, forced his way onto the platform to deliver a political speech at a picnic given by the Tyrolean and Bavarian Club in La Crescenta.

NAZI HOODLUMS

The victim, who was one of several who protested listening to a Nazi-sponsored candidate, was waylaid by a group of hoodlums on his way home. They forced his car to the curb, dragged him out, and beat him over the head with a lead pipe. As he slumped to the ground he was kicked into unconsciousness, his nose broken and his body a mass of bruises.

The chairman of the occasion had called upon Hans Gebhardt, attorney and president of the German-American League to introduce a new candidate. As soon as Gebhardt completed the introductions, the chairman called upon the orchestra to play.

INTRODUCING BURON FITTS

At that moment, Herman Schwinn, Nazi provocateur, according to eye-witness accounts, leaped upon the platform, commanded the orchestra to halt, and sought to introduce District Attorney Buron Fitts to the assemblage.

Fitts, escorted by Dr. Konrad Burchard and Max Egan, known in the German community as leaders of the Hitler "Friends of New Germany," ascended the platform, despite protests of many persons in the audience who objected to "Nazi sponsored candidates," and delivered a political speech.

DEATH OF COMRADE MATLIN

The State Committee of the Communist Party of California is deeply grieved to announce the death of Comrade Sarah Matlin, loyal and active member of the Communist Party since 1934 and wife and comrade of Comrade Hanoff, the organizational secretary of the Communist Party of California.

Comrade Matlin passed away at 7:30 a. m. on Monday morning after a long and protracted illness. Comrade Matlin from the first days she joined our Party untiringly devoted herself to Party work and was active especially among the relief and project workers. During participation in a strike of relief workers she became seriously ill—an illness from which she never recovered, failing constantly in health.

The State Committee of the Communist Party of California extends to the family and friends of Comrade Matlin and to our co-worker Comrade Hanoff, our deepest sympathies in the loss of a working class fighter.

Bill Schneiderman, State Secretary, Communist Party of California

Meet Your Friends At WW Picnic!

SAN FRANCISCO.—Don't forget! The annual Workers' Press Picnic will be held next Sunday, July 26th, at Skippers Park, six miles west of Five Points, Redwood City, on Woodside Road near Searsville Lake. Trucks will leave 121 Haight Street 8:30 a. m. until noon. Admission is 25 cents; transportation is 25 cents. The picnic combines a good time with genuine support for the Western Worker.

BIG WOOLWORTH PROFITS

WASHINGTON.—The \$8-a-week girls behind the Woolworth 5- and-10 counters would no doubt be pleased to know that 1935 profits of the corporation were \$31,247,000.

LABOR AND POLITICS

By John Broman

From now on, in the growing sharpness of the class struggle in this country, we can expect to see an increasing number of fakers who will profess to be "Marxists" and "revolutionaries."

Such a man is Dr. Wolf Adler, who is seeking the Democratic nomination in the August primaries in the 13th Congressional District, against the out-and-out fascist incumbent, Kramer, and against the progressive Epic, Parley Parker Christensen.

Claiming to be a "Marxist," Adler is attempting to cash in on the broad sentiment for a People's Front in a Farmer-Labor Party by claiming that his platform "enables organized labor and organized farmers to get together for their mutual protection."

Adler has posed as an Epic and an Epic speaker, but he has never been an Epic. He has gone in for red-baiting and encouraged it in his own club, which is Democratic but not Epic.

PHONEY TO EPICS

As secretary at the May 10th Epic Convention, he objected to none of the progressive decisions, leading toward the building of a Farmer-Labor Party, but repudiated all of them immediately afterward. The Constitutional Committee of this convention has refused any endorsement to him.

Adler is supposed to be some kind of a psychiatrist.

Liberals and progressives, however, are fortunately not taking him at face value, it is reported.

Anti-Kramer . . .

The fight to defeat the fascist Kramer in the 13th Congressional District is reported sweeping Huntington Park like wild fire.

An anti-Kramer committee has been set up in this suburb of Los Angeles, and is attracting all liberal and progressive forces.

Speaks to Townsendites . . .

Mrs. BeBessie A. Kessler, Communist Party candidate in the 80th Assembly District, has been invited to speak at a Townsend Club meeting on behalf of her candidacy.

She recently made a 4-day trip into areas of San Diego County where no Communist Party units exist at the present time, and was very well received.

Egeo L. Richardson, Party candidate in the 20th Congressional District, comprising San Diego and Imperial counties, talked on his campaign to Father Divine's Peace Mission recently, and received a good reception.

Townsend Democracy . . .

A leading member of the San Francisco Townsend old age pension movement reports that the membership of all 32 clubs in this city are hot for the scalp of Edward J. Margett, state manager of the movement.

The clubs in San Francisco and in the East Bay have demanded an accounting of the funds, estimated at \$20,000, raised at a recent picnic in Oakland, and are also demanding Margett's removal.

INCORPORATED

However, I am informed, there is no way to remove Margett except by getting Dr. Townsend to do so. It seems that the Townsend movement is not an organization—it's a corporation, and the doctor has all the say.

The Townsendites face the problem of winning control of their own organization, the only way it can continue, and are perceptibly turning toward cooperation with other workers' organizations.

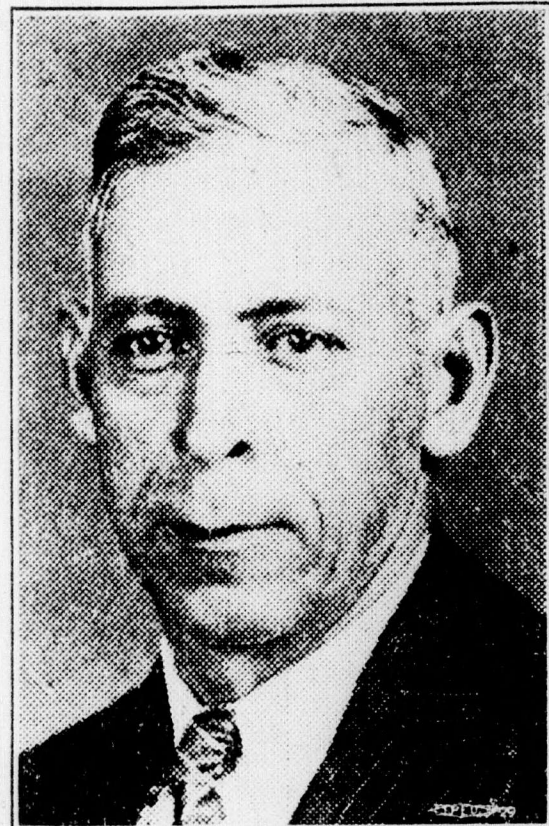
MERRIAM DENIES

SACRAMENTO.—In a carefully worded statement, Governor Merriam has denied charges of Ray L. Edgar, Board of Equalization member in Southern California, that he, Merriam, dictated dismissal of numerous employees in the board's liquor control office in Los Angeles.

Informed of the governor's denial, Edgar stated: "I was subpoenaed and under oath when I made my statement."

Kramer Belongs "Body and Soul" To Liberty League Fascists

He Led Jobless



LEON VANNIER
Communist candidate for State Assembly in the 17th District, Oakland.

BOSSSES SWEAT! RATS RAT ON EACH OTHER!

SAN FRANCISCO.—When a stool pigeon stool pigeons on a stool pigeon—even the cops and the Industrial Association and the Waterfront Employers' Association get confused.

This was the embarrassing position the stool pigeons and their bosses found themselves in last week, when Mrs. Helen Burke, 73 Shipley street, rat for the U. S. Internal Revenue Service, caused the arrest of John Pappas, alias Pappatheis, alias Eddie Pappas, alias John Pope, on grounds that the latter "talked revolution."

"WAS I TO BLAME?"

How was she to know that the latter rat had been expelled from the Communist Party as a stool away last December? That Pappas had been trying to provoke her into "talking revolution" so he could stool on her?

Result was Pappas was arrested by federal agents on charges he belonged to an organization advocating "overthrow of the government by force and violence," and being a Greek, therefore deportable. He was taken to Angel's Island.

All the time he protested he was a "good boy," that he joined the Communist Party to stool on the Communists and report them to the Industrial Association and the Chamber of Commerce. But the 'G-Men' wouldn't believe him!

"PATRIOTIC" RAT

Pappas said he joined the Party, then went to J. W. Mailliard, Jr., then Chamber of Commerce president, to get on the payroll. Mailliard, he said, directed him to Colonel Samuel J. Johnson of the Industrial Association, where he described his "patriotic" motives and got the job. But, to quote the story in the S. F. Daily News:

"But it seems the Communists found out about him and his period of greatest usefulness was over."

Then, said Pappas, he went to open Party meetings and to federal relief centers, reporting to Harry C. Smith, investigator, on which relief applicants were Communists.

"G-MEN" ARE SORRY

Says the News: "It is reliably reported the immigration authorities wish they'd never heard of Pappas and don't know what exactly to do about him at next Monday's hearing."

George T. Davis, his attorney, stated: "Our main witness, Smith, the federal relief investigator, is vacationing in Los Angeles. He's due back next Monday, at which time we'll resume the hearing."

Pappas was released from Angel Island early in July on \$1000 bail, after a month and a half vacation from stooling.

When he got out, he had the federal stool, Mrs. Burke, arrested for confiscating his possessions, and she is to appear Monday charged with petty theft.

Pitty the poor industrialist and banker—their stool pigeons get so hard up they have to stool on each other!

Nat'l Guard Sent In Ala. Strike

TALLADEGA, Ala.—National guardsmen patrolled this city following the death of a deputy sheriff and the wounding of a score of workers in an attack on the Samoset Cotton strikers picket lines.

NEGRO WORKER IS COMMUNIST FOR ASSEMBLY

Leon Vannier, Candidate in 17th District, Learned Need to Organize Negro People

By Leon Vannier

OAKLAND.—Due to the fact that I was born of poor parents, my education was limited to high school.

At the age of 16 I was forced to leave school and look for employment. Being a member of the oppressed race, when I went for a job, I found my chances for getting work were not at all satisfactory to my ability.

I got a job that paid seventy-five cents a day working in a warehouse. The working day was ten hours.

BARRED FROM UNION

After working under these conditions several months, I resented this oppressive labor and tried to learn a trade. I entered a New Orleans shop and found that on completing my apprenticeship, I was desirous of joining the carpenter's union.

To my great disappointment I found it was closed to men of my race.

I understood then that it was only through organization that I could better my condition. On several jobs where I worked I induced the men to try to get into the labor union.

Unsuccessful, due to the oppressive conditions in the south, I went north, arriving in Detroit when the war came along I was against it, and so were all the members of my family. When it was over, I was out of work, and came West to see if I could find work here. I became a builder.

ORGANIZE NEGROES

By this time my experiences all around the country showed me that the workers of my race, like the workers of all other races, could gain better conditions from the bosses only by organization.

When the crisis came, it found me in the same condition as millions of other workers, stripped of all security, faced with the problem of providing for my family and myself.

Naturally, my lot fell with the unemployed, for whom I thought it my duty to struggle day after day for better conditions.

JOBLESS LEADER

My present activities in unemployment organizations has drawn me into still closer contact with workers, especially the unemployed. I was instrumental in the organization of the early unemployment organizations in Oakland.

For these reasons, because my life has been led in the working-class, I feel that the workers problems are my problems, and pledge myself as a candidate of the Communist Party, Assembly District 17, to continue to fight for all constructive legislation that may benefit the workers.

The issues that the Communist Party stands for, I stand for. In addition to the regular program and platform, I will fight for 5-cent streetcar fare; free lunches and care for school children; free collection of garbage, etc. My especial concern will be the unemployed and the trade unionists, whom I will help to the full extent of my ability.

Luckenbach Nicked For Alimony

SAN FRANCISCO.—Request of Mrs. Gladys Luckenbach, fourth wife of Lewis Luckenbach, vice president of the Luckenbach Steamship Company, for \$100 monthly support for herself and child, was jumped to \$250 monthly allowance in Superior Court here last Wednesday.

Apparently Judge Frank Deasy did not believe that Luckenbach's resources were confined to the \$3271.89 bank balance testified to. Divorce proceedings were continued.

What's happening in your community? Let the people of California know through the Western Worker. Be a Western Worker correspondent.

EARL BROWDER CARRIES ON REVOLUTIONARY TRADITIONS DATING FROM 17TH CENTURY

A BIOGRAPHY

Revolutionary blood, pioneer blood, flows in the veins of Earl Browder, Communist candidate for President of the United States.

The new John Brown of Ossawatimie carries on the revolutionary traditions of the great Abolitionist, who carried on the fight to win Kansas to the Free State Side not far from Wichita, where Browder was born on May 20th, 1891.

His father William, a school-teacher at the time, wrote the name Earl Russell Browder into the family album below a long list of names of settlers who came to America beginning in the 17th century.

COVERED WAGON DAYS

One of the first to travel to the new world, the Browder family went on the westward migratory tide to Kentucky, to Illinois, and finally to Kansas by covered wagon.

Earl Browder's grandfather was born in 1790 and fought the British invaders in the War of 1812. Subsequently he followed his profession as a "circuit rider" minister of the Methodist church.

Earl's father was the youngest of 18 children, and Earl himself was one of 10 brothers and sisters. A large pioneer family, with many children who lived long under the burdens of the early days, was the Browder family dating in America from the 1600's.

"INFIDEL"

Browder's father was a school teacher for 24 years in southeastern Kansas. Because he had run across some Unitarian sermons and became a disbeliever in any formal religion, he was termed the region's "infidel." In 1902 he broke down physically, and upon his recovery worked as a day laborer in the harvest fields and packing houses for the remainder of his life.

Earl recollects from his early boyhood the study of geometry by lamplight, the learning of the three R's and other studies from his father. His mother taught the children a militant anti-clericalism based on Tom Paine's "Age of Reason."

Earl left public school at the age of nine after two years' study, but his father and mother continued his education after he was forced to go to work. At nine he was an errand boy in a department store, at 14 a messenger boy for Western Union.

BECOMES SOCIALIST

In 1901 his father took his sons to a socialist meeting, and from that time on Earl's education took a different turn.

"I had considered myself a Socialist when I was 10 years old," says Browder. "I became an active member of the Socialist Party at the age of 15."

These were the days of an upsurge in the class struggle, with the Heywood-Moyer-Pettibone case in Idaho. In Mexico the agrarian revolution was going on. Browder continued his work but gave increasingly more time to the working class movement. (To be continued)

"RUBBER CHECKS"

SAN JOSE.—Charged with issuing "rubber checks," Barbet Hammett, assistant superintendent of the Home of Benevolence, orphanage here, was arrested here last Wednesday. Police said she admitted guilt.

FIRST PUBLIC APPEARANCE ON THE PACIFIC COAST!!

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PELLEY IN LA PROMISES U.S. A HITLER SOON

Secret Meeting Held Under The Auspices of "Christian Party," Formerly the Silver Shirts

LOS ANGELES.—Before a secretly called meeting of 500 fascists on Saturday night, July 18th, William Dudley Pelley rabidly promised his followers a "Hitler in America" within three months, indulging in an orgy of Jew-baiting.

The meeting was held in a surrounding of Nazi symbols at the German House, 632 West 15th street, under the auspices of the "Christian Party," formerly known as the Silver Shirts.

With many of those present in Silver Shirt regalia, they openly styled themselves the "Fascist Vigilantes of America." Pelley, the main speaker, opened his address with a salute to a Nazi emblem hanging on the wall.

The immediate fascist purpose of the meeting came out when an orange grower from the strike area in Orange County attacked the Mexican strikers as being a set of "Communist Jews" organizing to take over the orange groves.

Full details were brought out of the meeting and given to the Western Worker by two of those present who made notations of the speeches and actions immediately after the meeting.

"HITLER" PELLEY

Pelley's attack on civil rights began with the charge that this country is under the complete domination of Jews, declaring that the only solution is a Hitler in America. Throughout the talk he referred to "Our beloved Herr Hitler," and of leaders "ordained by God" to lead the people out of "distress."

Pelley ballyhooed himself as the only one in America with "intestinal fortitude" to be so ordained in America.

"Both the Republican and Democratic parties," claimed Pelley, "are sinister Jewish institutions," as well as the Communist Party.

ROOSEVELT A "JEW"

Roosevelt, according to Pelley, is also a Jew, and said that with his nomination there was thrown "a challenge at us fascists, and we fascists again this 18th day of July accept this challenge and will in a few months have established our Hitler of America."

"When this time comes I shall walk up the steps of the White House as Ethan Allen walked up the steps of Ticonderoga and knock on the door and say 'open in the name of Almighty God and fascism!' and after this Jewry in America will be no more."

S.F. Cops' Noses in Lotterv Ring, Says 'G-Man'

S F COPS NOSES — P 2 — H SAN FRANCISCO.—Police-men's names were found in the offices of a lottery ring here, reported "G-Man" Edwin N. Atherton, in charge of the police graft investigation here.

"These names were accompanied by significant notations," he said.

Demand that the police department be reorganized before positions of 11 ousted grafters are filled, was made on Mayor Rossi last week by the San Francisco Bureau of Governmental Research. Working class organizations are demanding the ouster of the entire graft-ridden Police Commission.

PROBE POSTPONED

The liquor graft probe of the State Assembly committee, originally scheduled to open last week, has been postponed until August 7th, announced Leo R. Friedman, newly appointed attorney, so he can "sift evidence."

"Preliminary investigations," said Friedman, "show beyond doubt that the state liquor control reeks of politics, pressure and corruption."

HARRISBURG, Pa.—Two Negro state legislature members are seeking impeachment of Judge Atlee for lynch-inciting remarks he made in the courtroom.

Against Kramer!



SUPPORT EMMA CUTLER!
Communist Party candidate in the 13th Congressional District, Los Angeles.

VIGILANTES ARE CONDEMNED BY GALLAGHER

LOS ANGELES.—Promising stern justice to any vigilante ever brought before him if he is elected to the Superior Court Office No. 13 here, Leo Gallagher issued the following condemnation of "legal" and vigilante attacks on the striking orange pickers in Southern California:

"We see here another example of the use of the state apparatus on the side of the privileged propertyed classes in a dispute between employers and employees."

"It is not a new story. Always the state law enforcement officers are used to break strikes and to prevent workers from organizing to improve their economic conditions."

"It shocks one's sense of justice to think that public officials should always protect property at the expense of human life and decent living standards."

UNITE

"But we must expect this abuse of authority until the exploited people take the government into their own hands."

"This means that workers and small farmers and the rapidly growing numbers of declassing business people, professionals disregarding some possible differences, unite into a great Farmer-Labor Party and elect candidates to office who have proved by long years of activity in defense of labor's rights that they can be relied upon to execute the laws impartially, and not in the interests of the capitalists."

Gallagher, who is opposing the labor-hating incumbent, Arthur Crum, is endorsed for election by the Communist Party.

Coughlin Apologizes For Attacking FDR As Liar

DETROIT.—For his recent attack on President Roosevelt as a "double-crosser and liar" at the recent Townsend national convention, Father Coughlin printed an open letter of apology in his tabloid, "Social Justice," dated Friday, July 24th.

"In the heat of civic interest," crawled the fascist priest, "in the affairs of my country and in righteous anger at the development that it is my conviction, you have contributed largely to want in the midst of plenty. I addressed to the President of the United States on a stage at Cleveland, O., July 16, the word 'Liar.'

"For that action I now offer to the President of the United States my sincere apology."

Rich San Francisco People Fight Income Tax Payments Again

SAN FRANCISCO.—The ritzy and wealthy "ruling class" is again fighting the payment of any taxes whatsoever, six members of it filing Superior Court actions here challenging the constitutionality of California's personal income tax act of 1935.

They charge that the act "imposes peculiar and unequal burdens on certain classes which are arbitrarily determined, taxpayers whose net income exceeds \$5000."

The wealthy plaintiffs are W. P. Roth, Lurline B. Roth, Helene Irwin Fagan, Frazer A. Bailey, G. Parker Toms, Marion F. Toms.

CONGRESSMAN IS ANTI-LABOR HEARST TOOL

Kramer Delights in Probing "Reds," Sales-Taxing Poor, Persecuting Foreign-Born

LOS ANGELES.—Body and soul, Congressman Charles Kramer belongs to Hearst and the Liberty League gang!

Elected with progressive support, he pulled a Faust act as soon as he got in the Congressional halls, and sold himself to the devil—to the fascist gentry of Wall Street and the Liberty League.

Kramer was born in Paducah, Kentucky, on April 28th, 1879, and started out shining shoes and selling newspapers in Chicago. Then he worked in a brewery.

FORGOT START

But this "representative" of the 13th Congressional District has long since forgotten this working class start in life. He became a lawyer and associated with Roger Sullivan and J. Hamilton Lewis, diving into the sewer of Chicago politics. In 1917 he came to California; and in 1920 to Los Angeles.

Elected to Congress in 1932, Kramer sponsored the Russell-Kramer Bill which would establish a super Criminal Syndicalism Act throughout the nation and crush all pretense to democratic rights of the people.

He also demanded investigation of "reds" at Harvard University and at other U. S. Colleges, and introduced a bill to probe "reds" at Chicago University.

ATTACKS PROGRESSIVES

So infuriated was he in Congress on August 20th, 1935, when progressive Congressman Maury Maverick blocked passage in that session of the Kramer anti-red bill, that he took a sock at Maverick.

Kramer's favorite occupation is demanding "red probes." On June 27th, 1935, he demanded such a probe, at the University of California, and on February 1st, 1935, he wanted one in the FERA.

His original campaign was based on modification of prohibition and for the sales tax. Said Kramer on November 3rd, 1932:

FOR TAXING POOR

"The sales tax is one of the finest methods that could be devised for raising money to run the government without working hardship on any particular individual or organization. This sales tax will place the burden of taxation where it properly belongs. It is fair and equitable and should be supported by every individual working to bring back prosperity to America."

Kramer is an open Hearstman. On March 7th, 1935, he praised "Dirty Willie" for aid to the Dickstein Committee's "red probe." On Hearst's "Buy American" campaign, he had this to say on February 7th, 1935:

"I visited Baltimore, New York and Chicago and Omaha and talked in those cities with bankers, leading business men and citizens, and I found the Buy American campaign is doing a wonderful thing for the people everywhere."

NAZI-ENDORSED

On October 18, 1932, he was endorsed by the German-American League, a Nazi group.

Against the foreign born workers, Kramer is vicious. Last February 26th he announced his intention of introducing a bill: "Under its terms all residents would be required to register and produce documentary evidence of their origin and birth. The good citizen would have nothing to fear under this plan. It would merely show up the aliens on the government payroll. It would also weed out crooks and burglars . . . and would prohibit employers from hiring aliens, and not allow aliens to get city licenses to enter a business of their own."

He filed the bill!

STANDS FOR WAR

Kramer stands for fascism and war. He told the Navy Department that Los Angeles needs a large navy yard at San Pedro, and wanted seven to ten millions of dollars for it.

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The Attack in Fresno Is Aimed Not Only at the Communist Party

The opening gun in the campaign of the reactionary forces of California to take the Communist Party off the ballot has been fired! The attempt to drive the opening wedge is being made in Fresno, where an injunction has been filed by "the Anti-Communist League" seeking to restrain the county authorities from placing on the ballot the name of Carl B. Patterson, Communist candidate for Congress in the 9th district.

It was in Fresno last spring that an attempt was made to secure a Grand Jury indictment against the leaders of the Communist Party for criminal syndicalism in order to drive the Party underground in this state. The uncovering of the plot and the expose in the Western Worker of March 30th made these reactionary forces drop the plan for the time being.

Behind that plot was the Subversive Activities Committee of the American Legion, headed by rats such as Stanley Morton Doyle, alias Paul Mouton, and various wealthy industrialists and bankers.

I. R. Wall of Fresno two weeks ago went to Sacramento to open up offices of the "American Constitution League" whose avowed aim was to take the Communist Party off the ballot. Mr. Wall was also involved in the indictment plot last spring.

No matter under what name these fascist-minded reactionaries function, they are tools of the Chamber of Commerce, the Shipowners' Association and the labor-hating Industrial Association. Their plots must be crushed! Mass pressure will do it!

The hearing on the injunction will be held on July 31st, at 11 a. m. in the court of Superior Judge C. E. Beaumont, in Fresno.

All working class organizations: rush protests to the District Attorney of Fresno County.

A drive against the Communist Party means a blow aimed at all militant labor and other progressive forces.

The Sentiment Grows Among Trade Unions for Independent, Political Action

The statement by the Labor Nonpartisan League in New York, that although it supports the re-election of President Roosevelt it would nominate an independent ticket in local elections, is indicative of the rapidly developing sentiment among progressive trade unionists for independent ticket in local elections, is indicative of the rapidly developing sentiment among progressive trade unionists for independent political action divorced from both major parties of capitalism.

While we do not agree with their endorsement of Roosevelt, we see this action as a step forward for two reasons: it marks a break with the traditional policy of the A. F. of L. of "rewarding your friends and punishing your enemies;" and it recognizes the Landon-Hearst-Liberty League ticket as the main danger to the liberties of the American people.

Actually, this move by progressive labor in New York, as well as similar developments, constitutes the first step in the formation of Farmer-Labor Parties on a state scale, and their eventual affiliation with a National Farmer-Labor Party.

Even commentators in capitalist newspapers, such as Frazier Hunt in the San Francisco News, recognize the inevitability of the development of a strong Farmer-Labor Movement as part and parcel of the struggle to organize powerful industrial unions among the unorganized in the mass production industries.

This points the way to progressives in California unions already affiliated to the Labor Nonpartisan League, or to the Labor for Roosevelt League.

We propose the Labor for Roosevelt Leagues call mass meetings in the various cities to discuss the situation in California, especially such issues as vigilantism, anti-labor legislation, social security measures, as well as vital municipal issues. These meetings should invite speakers from all progressive political organizations, as well as outstanding trade unionists, on the question of how best effectively to unite all progressive forces to defend the interests of the people against the reactionary forces.

We believe such mass meetings would crystallize wide existing sentiment for a State Farmer-Labor Party, and that organizational proposals for the formation of such a party would flow out of these meetings.

Some time after the August primaries, the Continuations Committee will call another Epic Conference to consider the next steps in achieving political unity of all progressive forces on a common program. We urge the Labor for Roosevelt League to support this conference, not for the purpose of endorsing the Epic slate, but to help lay the foundation for a Farmer-Labor Party in California.

A Decision For the Townsend Youth Club of S.F. To Make

The first Townsend Youth Club in San Francisco, recently organized, must make a decision which will vitally affect its entire future: will they follow the leadership of Father Coughlin on the path of fascism, or will they unite with other progressive youth organizations in the struggle against fascism and for the rights of American youth?

In his frantic speech at the Townsend convention Father Coughlin called for the organization of the youth of America into brown-shirted storm troops,—the American replica of Hitler's militarized assassins.

His definite bid for the support of the youth is in line with the tactics used by Hitler both before and after his taking over the government. Coughlin realizes that without mass support of decisive sections of the youth his fascist plans have no chance of success. But Coughlin's speech reveals no answer to the burning questions facing the youth of America today: the chance to work at trade union wages, the right to a normal life, the opportunity of educational facilities.

On the other hand, there is the powerful and growing progressive youth movement which has recently completed its third annual convention, the American Youth Congress. At this Congress the problems of the youth were faced squarely, and a program of struggle adopted for their elementary rights. The center of the struggle is for the passage of the American Youth Act.

The Townsend Youth Club should face this issue squarely. We urge they invite a speaker from the American Youth Congress in San Francisco to address them on the issues involved. We urge affiliation to the American Youth Congress as the best means of pushing their fight for social and old age security.

The American Youth Congress office in San Francisco is 268 Market st., Room 119. Youth of the Townsend movement: which road, fascist slavery or democracy and security?

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Organized Labor Has the Power to Do It . . . By Koll



The Graduation of a Class of New Americans in California

By C. L. Hadley

There are two classes in the present society . . . the working class and the capitalist class . . . both are in conflict with each other . . . WHO WILL WIN?

The working class needs people who can lead intelligently . . . needs honest and heroic fighters . . . people who are schooled in the theory and experience of the greatest working class leaders — Marx and Lenin.

It is graduation day of the Bay Area Workers Training School. The 50 invited visitors undergo the most unusual experience of their lives. They are looking upon glowing happy faces of the 25 students. "Ah yes, Harry, I've been to many graduations, but nothing like this, it's the contents of the event that is so different. I just can't explain," and so the conversation goes on.

NEED MORE TRAINING

"You see, trained, educated people are needed, the Party . . . the working class can not go ahead unless the most promising and best working class fighters are sent to the school."

"Now these 25 comrades came from the docks, from the fire rooms and decks of ships, from factories and picket lines. It was quite a job to break them away from their duties and routine for three weeks, but the Party figured they would be of better service to the working class after three weeks in school."

See that Red Banner with the Hammer and Sickle and the inscription "Bay Area Worker Training School?" A 1936 Betsy Ross made it and gave it to the school. The banner was presented to one of the best groups in the school at the close of each week. The Angelo Herndon group received it this week. They receive it with the same spirit of the Revolutionaries of 1776 when they accepted the stars and stripes for the first time.

ART ON THE WALLS

The most prominent part of the Hall this day is where the wall paper is hung. An artist of the school has caught all the students . . . Negro, white and Chinese . . . he calls them the NEW AMERICANS. They are preparing themselves to defeat the Tories of 1936. The three weeks training, of course, a very short time, has molded them nevertheless into "invincibles" for now they know how to tackle problems and have the confidence that the working class is bound to win.

Near the pictures are hanging one or two articles from each student. Every one is reading. All articles are brief . . . one tells how the school has helped him to work collectively . . . another that the school has opened her eyes . . . a fireman has an article explaining just what it would be like on a ship when we have a Soviet America . . . other articles explain the value of theory; . . . the

serious problem of combating syndicalism . . . one individualist tells how the school helped him to be disciplined and accept criticism.

APPRECIATION OF THEORY

The most critical visitor could see that these articles bore the evidence that the working class would receive in its ranks 25 capable fighters. But now we move from the written word . . . we speak to the students.

"I thought theory was for the professors, but now I know that theory can only be useful in the hands of the working class. Yes, we have to be thankful for the fact that we had an excellent teacher and leader, Betty Gannett . . . she worked with us 14 and 16 hours a day."

"Our studies were Political economy, Communist Manifesto, Leninism, American Revolution, Traditions, Trade Unionism, Organization and the study of Capitalist economy in contrast to Soviet Economy. The greatest lesson we learned is how to work collectively, how to be disciplined, how to criticize ourselves."

The banquet begins. One student gives a timely discourse on the all consuming struggle of the "Booshwazees" . . . "HOW TO ACT AT A BANQUET TABLE."

Comrades Hanoff and Ross speak. Betty Gannett begins to speak. There is such a showing of devotion to her. It dominates the whole school.

GIFTS EXCHANGED

Gannett is presented with a beautiful cigarette case and lighter. After her speech, she begins a presentation of appropriate

books to each student: "To this seaman who must clear up the question of Syndicalism, I present the book 'Marx—on the Trade Union Question' . . . ti this comrade holding a responsible work among Negroes, I present the book on the Negro Question' so he will be better able to win for the Party the Negro People . . . to this comrade from the docks, I present 'The History of the American Labor Movement,' so he can clear up to his fellow workers the revolutionary traditions of the American working class which the Communist Party carries on and perpetuates."

MORE SCHOOLS NEEDED

All say, "We need more schools." There is a spontaneous singing of the International, tremendous applause . . . All say, we need more study classes, on docks and ships, on shore when the men come ashore, in the factories, everywhere. More education . . . more leading cadres of the working people . . . more people able to teach others.

Education to the New Americans so they can carry on the Revolutionary Traditions of 1776 and 1861 more effectively. Endow into the new people of the Communist Party and the Young Communist League that ability to fulfill the Communist duty as the Americans of the Twentieth Century.

Forward to more schools and study groups.

Forward to a better attitude towards Party education.

Forward to an effective struggle against ignorance.

Forward to an effective struggle against the contempt for theory.

Join Communist Party

For a free, prosperous, and happy America! In 1776 our revolutionary ancestors marched with red-blooded determination against the oppression of the British ruling class, and won our independence.

In 1936, red-blooded Americans are joining the Communist Party to fight against the oppression of the American ruling class, the capitalist tyrants.

Communism is the Americanism of the 20th Century! Join your Party! Join the Communist Party!

Communist Party,
 121 Haight street,
 San Francisco,
 Or
 224 S. Spring street,
 Room 409,
 Los Angeles.

I want more information about the Communist Party.

Name

Address

News Guild Now An Int'l Union Of the AFL

WASHINGTON. — Newspaper Guild chapters throughout the country are celebrating the formal issuance of their charter by the A. F. of L. Executive Council last Wednesday.

The Guild now becomes an international union, and local guilds are entitled to seats in city central bodies and state federations. Don Stevens, Guild treasurer, has been appointed a full-time organizer of the federation.

296,000 Register For S.F. Primaries

SAN FRANCISCO.—Thirty thousand eligible voters in this city have thus far failed to register for the August primaries, according to Registrar of Voters, Charles J. Collins.

An approximate voting strength of 296,000 for the primaries is indicated thus far. Democratic registration surpasses 186,000 while the Republicans have registered 103,700 to date.

AS WE SEE IT

By BILL SCHNEIDERMAN,
 California State Secretary, Communist Party, U.S.A.

LOS ANGELES LABOR GOES FORWARD

The Chamber of Commerce and the Manufacturers' Association always boasted of Los Angeles being an open shop town, under the so-called "American Plan," which might well be called the "American Liberty League Plan" of company unions, coolie wage standards, and intolerable living conditions. One of the contributing factors to open shop conditions was the past failure of the labor movement and its leadership to take any effective steps to organize the unorganized workers.

But this situation is rapidly changing in recent months. The desire for organization and struggle among the workers has resulted in a militant upsurge which is giving new life and vitality to the trade unions, and which has reflected itself in the Central Labor Council and its conservative leadership, under pressure of the trade union membership, taking an active and more aggressive role in fighting the open shop.

The Communists and other militants in the unions have always said that the only way to fight the open shop is to organize the unorganized through militant struggle. Unfortunately, instead of adopting such a policy, the A. F. of L. officials in the past directed their main attention to red-baiting and fighting the militants in the unions, instead of adopting a progressive policy of unifying and solidifying the ranks of labor against the employers.

We are glad to note that this situation is changing. Mr. Buzzell, head of the Central Labor Council, is now under fire from the M. & M. and the Chamber of Commerce, in the same way that the Communists and other progressives in the unions always were, because the Central Labor Council is taking some real steps to challenge open shop conditions. A number of new unions have been organized in the last few months with the help of the Central Labor Council. Every Saturday the Council holds mass picketing demonstrations before non-union firms, in which all unions are asked to participate.

The progressives in the trade unions, including the Communists, should welcome this turn in the policy of the Central Labor Council leadership, and should be the most active supporters of the organizing campaign in the trade unions.

The progressive elements must use their influence to rally the membership of all unions behind every step to build the unions and improve working conditions, and to defend the trade unions from the attacks of the Chamber of Commerce and the M. & M.

The Communists sharply disagree with many of the policies of Buzzell. We believe in democracy and rank and file control in the unions, not red-baiting and bureaucratic control. We believe in independent political action and a Farmer-Labor party, not "non-partisan" support of capitalist political parties and candidates. We support the organization of the basic mass-production industries into industrial unions, which concretely applied to Southern California means organizing the rubber, oil, auto, and aircraft industries.

But every constructive step taken by Buzzell and other A. F. of L. officials will find the Communists supporting every such step that will strengthen the trade unions and benefit the workers conditions. The building of a strong progressive bloc in the trade unions and Central Labor Council of Los Angeles will be the best guarantee that the open shop campaign now being conducted by the M. & M. and the Los Angeles Times will be defeated.

The Unity Convention—A Big Forward Step for California's Unemployed

By Alex Noral
 (State Organizer of Workers Alliance of California.)

The Unity Convention recently held in Los Angeles, uniting the California State Federation of Unemployed and the Workers Alliance in this State into one solid organization (The Workers Alliance of California), marks a progressive step ahead for the unemployed, who are facing permanent unemployment with a stabilized permanent unemployment organization.

The central task before the Workers Alliance of California, as brought out in the main report at the convention, remains as before, the struggle for Unemployment and Social Insurance. The new Executive Board is instructed to formulate a legislative session in this state to be introduced at the next session of the State Assembly.

The convention went on record demanding prevailing trade union wages with an increased monthly allowance above that now being paid by WPA; for a 25 per cent increase in the direct relief benefits; to force Governor Merriam to carry out the will of the last special legislative session expressed in the resolution passed providing for two representatives of the State Unemployed organization on the State Relief Commission.

TO WORK FOR 30-HOUR WEEK

The organization is to work for the passage of the Marcantonio Works Standard Bill; for the 30 hour work week; for the passage of the Benson-Amle American Youth Act; for the passage of the Workers Rights Amendment to the U. S. Constitution (H. J. 440).

The convention instructs its Executive Board to work for closer alliance with the trade unions; for closer cooperation with the agricultural workers organizations in securing relief and supporting such organizations during labor disputes in agriculture.

A critical survey of the activities, methods of organization and work in the past period,

and proposals for strengthening tained in the main report which the whole organization were unanimously adopted by the convention.

The unemployed organizations' first step after the convention should be to conduct a thorough discussion and analysis of the main report and the decisions of the convention, thus creating the necessary understanding by the membership that will make it possible to put the convention program into practice.

While unemployment and social insurance remain the central task before the unemployed, so also does the fight for their immediate needs and wants remain the central everyday concentration, especially the question of trade union wages and more money per month.

The deliberate destruction of food by the government, accompanied by the nations food being further destroyed by the drought, resulting in the tremendous increase in prices, forces upon all workers, the employed in private industry, and especially the unemployed and WPA workers, to demand higher wages to meet this increased cost of living. The WPA and Direct Relief dollars have already shrunk to the starvation level.

In order for the unemployed to realize the benefits of the convention decisions, they must further unify their ranks. While the convention took the first step in this unification process, uniting the unemployed organizations under one banner, this is not sufficient. It merely lays the basis upon which the unemployed can go forward to unite all the thousands of unemployed into the Workers Alliance of California, all those thousands who as yet have not been reached by the former organizations.

Unity will only have been achieved in the broadest sense of the word, when the vast majority of the unemployed are organized and participating in the struggle for the program of the Workers Alliance.

The convention discussed at (Continued on Page 5, Col. 1)

HAITI LEADER HAILS SOVIET CONSTITUTION

General Nemours, League of Nations Delegate, Makes
Glowing Tribute to Document

General Nemours, delegate from Haiti to the League of Nations, recently acclaimed to the skies the New Soviet Constitution, and endorsed it enthusiastically, particularly to the Negro people. He wrote:

"Read and re-read in L'Humanite (French Communist newspaper) with great interest the draft of the Soviet Constitution which the newspaper justly calls the most democratic constitution in the world.

"I belong to the black race. I am a citizen of a small nation, a Negro republic, Haiti. I cannot remain indifferent to anything about small nations people by colored races.

"I cannot remain indifferent to every thing capable of establishing justice, liberty, equality and peace. The colored peoples are always the first victims of tyranny, of prejudice, of war. This is why all paragraphs of the marvelous constitution riveted my attention. I endorse it enthusiastically.

"Do you hear, Black Comrades?"

"The Soviet Constitution, constitution of democratic government calls on all people irrespective of sex, race, or nationality to enjoy all rights which human beings should enjoy—freedom, equality and the right to labor. The people of the black race have never dreamed anything else.

"Black Comrades, whom shall we follow? Those who want to regard us as people, respect us as people or those who want to treat us like cattle?"

"Black Comrades, we will follow those who love us and offer us the brotherly hand!"

Convention Unites the Jobless

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length some of the major shortcomings and weaknesses of past methods of unemployed organization, especially those reasons responsible for the fact that there is a tremendous turnover in the meetings, non-functioning of local and county executive boards, leadership lacking correct understanding of trade union organization, not sufficient discussion on the main questions confronting the unemployed, and too much attention concentrated on extraneous matters outside the realm of unemployed organizations and their tasks as such.

SHORTCOMINGS TO OVERCOME

In the shortest possible time these shortcomings must be overcome, and will be to a large extent if the county organizers carry out the resolution passed by the convention which provides that said organizers call a four-hour meeting for each, the local Presidents, local Secretaries, and local Organizers, schooling them as to their roll and responsibility as leaders of the locals. Every local should immediately work out a program of organization and action based on the convention decisions, start a mass recruiting campaign into the Workers Alliance and double the membership within the next three months, concentrating on the projects and at the relief centers. Only in this way will unity of unemployed be realized on a broad effective scale.

A new Executive Board of 25 members was elected by the convention, based on proportional representation by the county and local organizations. The former State Federation of Unemployed has 17 and the former Workers Alliance groups have 8 members on the board.

Frank Lintner of Menlo Park was elected State President; T. Kerry 1st, vice president, E. M. O'Donnell, State Secretary Treasurer; Alexander Noral, State Organization Secretary.

Two field organizers, Myers from Oakland and Dewey Ringals of Los Angeles were elected. The 2nd vice president is L. Quevedo of Los Angeles, and 3rd vice president, Robert Russell of Oakland.

Leads Catalanian Anti-Fascists!



LUIS COMPANYS (right) is leading the People's Front forces in Catalonia to victory against the fascists. He is shown here being greeted by a comrade when he was released from prison along with 15,000 other fascist victims last February after the People's Front election victory.

Seaman Pictures Mass Misery in Mikado's Japan in Letter to WW

The mass misery of the Japanese workers, under the iron heel of the militarists and fascists, is pictured in a letter received by the Western Worker from a young American seaman. The letter was written on June 21st last from Moji, Japan.

The letter follows

"Today about 10 o'clock we leave Japan for China. Most likely it will be Shanghai, but no one seems to know. Ever since we were in Osaka, where I had an opportunity to see some of real Japan, I've been feeling pretty low.

"In fact, I tried to get rid of these blues, but that didn't work. Now I'm really frightened at what I'll see in China. They say it's far worse, and you can only believe when you actually see it.

"When I went ashore in Kobe, where we had our first shore-leave, I only went to the main street and saw the pretty things and modern improvement and was impressed by the modern and beautiful Japan.

SHOCK AT OSAKI

"But when we got to Osaka I got a shock I doubt I'll ever recover from. This city is also modern. More so than Kobe. It's the second largest city in Japan, with a population of approximately 4,000,000 people. It's more like Frisco or New York, an industrial center. Spread throughout this city is the Yaski Wari, or Japanese prostitute sections under the government. Five thousand of these houses are under the government supporting 250,000 licensed girls, all Japanese and young and beautiful as a front page in a magazine.

"LEGAL PIMPING
"This is considered about the only use a female can be to Japan. These youngsters haven't any choice as to whether they want to live in this life. Certain Japanese officials (pimps) make the rounds of farming sections every year and make a loan to a poor farmer (and they're all in pitney need) and take a female child about 10 to 15 years old as security.

"This child is trained as an entertainer either in a bar or prostitute house. When she gets paid from a customer, so much is taken off for room, board clothes, etc., and what's left is divided up with other people who act as guardians. She has left and this is taken from her as part payment on her father's debt. If she is fortunate she may pay off the debt in 10 or 15 years, and then she can marry and be a slave to one man for the rest of her life.

"But before she can marry, she must have a dowry, so she goes to work for a few more years. Other girls, whose folks aren't in debt that the girl has to pay off, aren't any better off.

"ROMANCE" IN JAPAN

"A girl and a boy want to get married and the girl must have a dowry, so after work or after school she goes to a prostitute house and works for a few hours a day until she has enough money saved.

"A woman is the lowest thing in Japan. But this is only in the class we belong to. The upper class don't do such things. And still a boy's ambition is to join the military service for Japan, while his sister sleeping with some syphilitic old bastard and he's wondering where his next meal is. And the girls think Ja-

pan is the marvel of the world.

"There is no government in Japan, so if you can't take care of yourself, to hell with you.

"In Moji, the town is like Fresno, only it's a seaport town. Only two American ships come here, so the people aren't used to Americans and they really

"The town smells like a sewer because the sewer is a small creek in the center and wide open.

"We walked into the country and saw things we never saw about in the 1700's and 1800's. Everything is done by hand and very skillful. Women carrying loads on their shoulders that would break our back. Children running around, their bodies covered with scabs. Dust and smoke all over. Houses are all built of bamboo and make Hooverville look like palaces. Prostitutes all over.

"I'll be glad when I get home."

French 'Hangover' Seeks Anti-Labor Plan Copy

WASHINGTON.—Andre Delablaye, French ambassador to the United States, has requested a copy of the Toledo "Plan for Industrial Peace," calling for compulsory arbitration to prevent strikes, as a "possible solution to French industrial labor problems."

Delablaye is a "hangover" from the old reactionary regime in France, and has not yet been removed by the left-wing government headed by Socialist Leon Blum.

ENGLISH NAVY STILL LARGEST IN THE WORLD

WASHINGTON.—Britannia still "rules the waves," according to the U. S. Navy Department in releasing statistics showing that England's navy is the greatest power afloat today.

Comparative data on navies throughout the world revealed that imperialist Great Britain has the greatest total tonnage of any, and largest tonnage of modern "under age" ships, as well as leading in number of air craft carriers and heavy and light cruisers.

The British navy on July 1st was reported to consist of 307 ships of 1,224,329 tons, with 66 ships of 225,096 tons listed as under construction or appropriated for.

The U. S. Navy consists of 324 ships of 1,080,715 tons, with 95 vessels under construction or appropriated for, and with 44,510 tons more slated to be laid down before 1937. Ninety-four U. S. war ships are "under age."

R.R. MEN FOR PEACE

PARIS.—The bureau of the Railwaymen's Union, one of the largest unions in France, has decided to participate in the World Peace Congress and has voted on a number of preparatory measures.

SOVIET UNION NOTES--BLAST COAL DEPOSIT

Litvinov Pledges Fight for
Peace on 60th Birthday;
State Funeral for
Noted Scientist

MOSCOW.—In order to enable easy access to a great new surface coal deposit, The gibbet artificial explosion in history occurred recently in the village of Korkina, near Chelyabinsk in the eastern Ural Mountains, when 1830 tons of ammonite were ignited in a terrific blast.

The explosion dug a trench 22 yards deep, 93 yards wide and a 1000 yards long, opening the coal seam to exploitation for the Soviet Union's coal needs.

The inhabitants of Chelyabinsk retired three miles to escape injury in the blast.

It is estimated that the bed contains 7,500,000 tons of coal.

FIGHTER FOR PEACE

MOSCOW.—On his 60th birthday, Maxim Litvinov was wired congratulations by Joseph Stalin and V. M. Motlov on behalf of the Council of People's Commissars and the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, as follows:

"The Council of People's Commissars and the C. C. CPSU express the firm certainty that Soviet diplomacy will honorably fulfill the task of defending the cause of peace for the benefit of our great Fatherland and the toiling people of the whole world."

In Montreux, Switzerland, where he represented the Soviet Union at the Dardanelles Conference, the world-famed diplomat pledged himself anew to work for maintenance of world peace.

"I shall continue," he said, "to fight against the forces of war and aggression and go ahead with my work for peace, which is the only justification for the activities of a Soviet diplomat!"

Litvinov is Commissar of Foreign Affairs.

HONOR DEAD SCIENTIST

MOSCOW.—In honor of his services to Soviet science and the working people of the Soviet Union, Alexander Petrovitch Karpinsky, who died on July 15th at the age of 89, was given a state funeral in the Red Square on July 17th.

Karpinsky was a member of the Academy of Science for 50 years, and its president for the past 20 years. He was a member of the Central Executive Committee of the U. S. S. R.

LENINGRAD.—The mint here is completing arrangements for production of a bronze medal in memory of Maxim Gorky, for mass distribution.

MOSCOW.—Car-loading and unloading are keeping above the schedule for daily production. Latest figures throughout the Soviet Union give 106.7 per cent for unloadings.

PAGE WILLIE HEARST

MOSCOW.—Ninety-nine per cent of the year's total sowing plan had been completed in the Soviet Union by June 15th, according to compiled reports showing over 91,075,000 hectares planted. All collective farms have completed 102 per cent of their program, as have likewise the motor tractor stations.

Individual farmers have planted only 49 per cent of their quota.

All forecasts agree on excellent crops.

SPORTS PROGRAM

MOSCOW.—Establishment of a special governmental department in direct charge of sports and physical culture, has been ordered by the Soviet of People's Commissars.

about one tenth of the sum charge is to be composed of representatives of trade unions, Young Communist League, sport organizations, and special representatives from all the republics of the U. S. S. R.

The present shortage of sports instructors is to be taken care of this year, with the plan providing for bringing out 15,000 organizers and 10,000 instructors for physical culture, in the collective farms.

JAPAN WAR FLEET

TOKYO.—Japan plans to spend 2,000,000,000 yen, or \$580,000,000, on a five-year naval program, according to figures published here.

HULL ADMITS STILL WILLING TO INTERVENE

U. S. State Secretary Admits
War Ships Sent to Spain
To Avoid Yelps of
'Big Shots'

WASHINGTON.—The United States Government is still willing to send American soldiers and sailors to fight in foreign fields, as it did in 1917-18, it was indicated here by Secretary of State Cordell Hull.

Hull admitted that the dispatching of two American war ships to Spanish waters is for the purpose of forestalling charges that the government fails to protect its nationals.

DIPLOMATS YELP

The ships were sent following frantic yelps from American diplomatic officials in Spain that American citizens and property might be endangered in the attempt of Spanish fascists to overthrow the left-wing government, supported by the People's Front.

Hull said that the State Department "is not unmindful of the possibility" that establishment of an American naval squadron in European waters to protect American imperialist interests may "become necessary."

Congressmen voiced criticism during the Italian Fascists' rape of Ethiopia because American nationals sought protection in the British legation.

LONGSHOREMAN NOMINEE OF CANADIAN CP

MONTREAL, Quebec.—One thousand French-Canadians wildly cheered Evariste Dube, member of the Syndicate Longshoremen's Union and Communist candidate in the French-Canadian working class district of St. James, when he opened his campaign here recently at the St. James market.

Jean Peron, French secretary of the Labor Party and its candidate in Mercier division, editor of "clarte" and publicity director of the Popular Front, stressed the need for unity in the elections.

Dube outlined the Communist Party program, calling for work for the unemployed at trade union wages, franchise for women, old-age pensions, abolition of the Bouchard plan, and an effective battle against the trusts and threats of the fascist elements.

Women Workers Win Strike in Nazi Germany

BERLIN.—Despite the Nazi terror, women workers on a large farm near Hanover recently completed a successful strike, winning a raise of three pfennigs per hour to bring their hourly rate to 20 pfennigs.

Gaining this point, the women then demanded assurance of a five-per cent premium for summer and winter work.

Despite the fact that the Deutsche Arbeitsfront (Nazi official trade union) turned down this demand as "unjustifiable," the workers then struck for eight days more and forced their employer to capitulate.

French Authors in Protest Against Brazil Terror

NEW YORK.—Indignant protest against the imprisonment, torture and threatened deportation of Mrs. Arthur Ewart from Brazil to Germany, where death at the hands of the Nazis awaits her, has been voiced by French intellectuals and authors, according to the Joint Committee for Defense of the Brazilian People, 156 Fifth ave., here.

The protest letter was written by Richard Jean Block, French author, professor and member of the League of Honor Croix de Guerre, speaking in the name of the great majority of French intellectuals, to the President of the United States of Brazil.

Mrs. Ewart is the wife of a former Communist deputy of the German Reichstag, who was forced to flee the Nazi butchers and who sought political asylum in Brazil.

No More Fascist Dungeons!



SPAIN'S PEOPLE'S FRONT released 15,000 prisoners from dungeons like the one above, last February, following its election victory and mass demonstrations before the prisons. Determined that these prisons shall only hold enemies of the people from now on, the Socialists, Communists, Syndicalists and Left Republicans are now battling to the death to crush the fascist "putsch."

Communists Led Attack on Spain Fascists Before Attempted Coup

(Additional background to the struggle of the People's Front against the fascists in Spain is provided by the following article. Written before the uprising of the fascist terrorists, the article nevertheless adds a great deal to the understanding of the present situation.—Ed.)

By Cesar Falcon.

MADRID.—Recent events in Spain show that the capitalists and great landowners have not abandoned the struggle against the People's Front. This struggle is being carried on by the provocation or aggravation of strikes, and by attacks on the persons of leaders of the People's Front, as the preparation for a coup d'etat.

Everywhere the employers oppose the strikes and do not stop at disregarding decisions by the government in favor of the strikers.

In addition, police have discovered that weapons were being smuggled into the country over the frontier of Navarre, and that a number of civil guards' uniforms had been secretly manufactured as a disguise for fascist and reactionary elements who were to reverse the government by force.

PREVIOUS COUP ATTEMPT

The plot was organized and led by reactionary officers of the Spanish Military Union, fascist organization formed during the reactionary period. They proposed to seize power on the grounds that "the country could no longer tolerate the disorder and chaos created by the extremist parties of the People's Front."

Chief of the Special Branch of the police led a special expedition to Navarre and seized most of the stocks of smuggled arms.

The danger of a coup d'etat was dispelled. But reaction attempted to use even this defeat of its plans to launch a fresh attack on the People's Front. When the prolongation of the state of alarm was demanded by the government and accorded by Parliament, the fascist-reactionary leaders tried to pose as defenders of public order precisely at a time when one of their most sinister plots had just been discovered.

The reactionaries wished to hold up before the lower middle class the bugbear of strikes and proletarian rebellion, thus hoping to drive them into panic, and they wanted to hold up the bugbear of a military coup d'etat in order to frighten the Republicans into breaking off their alliance with the Socialists and Communists.

EXPOSED FASCISTS

The Communist Party put up Comrade Dolores Ibaruri (La Passionaria) to counter this attack. She exposed the double game of the reactionaries, who first organized disputes and street

clashes and then came to complain in Parliament about "disorder."

"The reactionaries talked of 'disorders' provoked by the working masses. But the real crimes had been committed by the reactionaries themselves before and after the victory of the People's Front."

And all these deeds perpetrated in Spain during the period so justly called the two black years, were carried out not only with the support of the coercive machinery of the street but by recruiting among the dregs of capitalist society, declassed men of the lumpen-proletariat who, for a reward and the assurance of impunity, assassinated workers who distinguished themselves in the struggle.

WORKERS MURDERED

"Among the victims were Canales, Socialist; Joaquin de Grado, Juanita Rico, Manuel Andres and many others who fell through the bullets of these gunmen led by Calvo Sotelo, a young girl whose mere name, when pronounced, rouses the hatred of the Spanish workers, to such an extent it is a symbol of the shame and ruin of Spain, and by a band of young fools who are jealous of the victorie and sanguinary laurels of Hitler and Mussolini."

She then outlined the People's Front policy:

"Here, not with the workers, lies the cause of the trouble, and it is against these fomenters of trouble who smuggle their capital from Spain to safety abroad, who spread infamous lies about the situation in Spain, thus injuring her credit, against the employers who refuse to accept the contracts and systematically refuse to give the workers their due, against those who prefer to let their crops perish rather than pay their harvesters—it is against all these that measures should be taken.

"Those who render possible incidents such as the affair in Yeste and many other regions in Spain should be made to feel the heavy hand of the government, but not the workers and peasants who hunger and thirst for bread and for justice.

"It is necessary that the government does not forget to apply the law to those who refuse to remain within its limits and who in this case are neither workers nor peasants.

IMPRISON LANDOWNERS!

"The first thing to be done is to imprison the great landown-

FASCISTS PUT UP BRAVADO IN THEIR DEFEAT

Left Government Announces
Imminent Defeat of
"Putsch" North
And South

MADRID.—Putting up a front of bravado to hide their growing defeat, the Spanish fascists were definitely on the run before the People's Front forces in both the would be licked to a frazzle by the armed workers and peasants together with the loyal troops.

Last Friday the Ministry of the Interior, of the left-wing government, issued a proclamation of victory stating "the enemy will be conquered within few hours."

MARCH FINANCED

The ministry announced also that the "putsch" by the fascists was financed by Juan March, multi-millionaire known as the wealthiest man in Spain.

However, General Francisco Franco issued a statement from the radio station at Tetuan, Spanish Morocco, that "the revolution continues victorious."

These claims about the victory of their "revolution"—actually, counter-revolution—have grown more aggressive as the fascists have suffered defeat after defeat, and are used to cover up People's Front victories.

SEVILLE BEING WON

MADRID.—Armed workers and peasants, including large numbers of Socialists and Communists, have routed the northern fascists under General Emilio Mola, the government announced. "Fascist troops are in a desperate position, especially in Albacete and Seville," said an official government statement.

"Those in Seville are seeking to flee into Portugal. The Seville radio station has ceased to function."

Seville had been a temporary fascist stronghold in the south.

SHELL MOROCCO

SPANISH MOROCCO.—War ships of the left-wing government have opened a new bombardment of ports held by the fascists, and Morocco has been formally declared a war zone.

GUADARRAMA PASS.—The fascists have been routed by 3000 workers and 300 loyal troops here and at Somosierra and Navacerrada passes, guarding the approaches to Madrid from the north.

"We will soon enter Burgos, which is Mola's headquarters," declared Antonio Delavilla, former Parliament deputy.

LEADERS IN FIGHT

MADRID.—Communist Party and Socialist Party leaders are at the front leading the attack against the fascist forces. Santiago Casares Quiroga, who gave up the prime ministry at the start of the fascist "coup," left for the front as a common soldier.

President Azana, speaking over the radio, declared:

"Spain is independent because that country wants it to be. It will remain independent. Those Spaniards who try to imitate Napoleon will get the surprise which we gave to that conqueror."

SEVILLE.—General Queipo de Llano, fascist commander-in-chief in the south, has been isolated on the outskirts of this city. Fascist forces have also been routed at Somosierra, Segovia, and Avila.

ers who starve the peasants; to imprison those who with an unprecedented cynicism, still covered with the blood they spilled during the suppression of the October rising, come here to demand retribution for non-existing crimes."

The applause which greeted her from all Republican, Socialist and Communist deputies announced to the four corners of Spain that the People's Front was more vigorous and solid than ever.

How will the Quiroga governments use this invincible force? Its way is clear: it must take rapid and energetic action against the reactionary and fascist machine. If it does so it will not lack the full and enthusiastic support of the popular masses of Spain.

STRIKERS ARE EVICTED FROM THEIR HOMES

Japanese Growers Get Police To Move Out Families; Workers' Militancy "Unmatched"

By a Worker Correspondent
LOMITA.—Have just visited the Dominguez Hills strike area north of the Los Angeles Harbor. After talking with the families of strikers, I found that practically all of the agricultural strikers have been forced out of their homes, an land rented by the Japanese growers.

The Japanese gave them the ultimatum to move, and the police did the rest. They move their pitiful belonging a short distance on to land not rented by Japanese growers.

There is miserable, unpainted shacks—old barns—they are sharing each other's poverty. Poor little innocent children in ragged clothes, innocent of the struggle between Capital and Labor except for the lack of proper food and clothing.

POLICE WRECKERS

The strikers have been ordered to destroy their union hall, which consists of an old barn. When they refused to comply with this demand, the police promised them a wrecking crew.

We, as comrades and fellow workers, will take up the problems of these workers, and force the Los Angeles County Relief to feed them. I find it a pleasure to work with them. Their militancy and spirit can not be matched by any other section of the working class. They are learning lessons in this struggle.

Cooperation of American organizations and workers have for the first time showed these workers, mostly Mexican, what unity of the working class regardless of race, creed, color, or political affiliation, has in store for the workers.

The Machete, organ of the Mexican Communist Party, has been accepted most eagerly.

Wants Union for Retail Clerks

By a Worker Correspondent.
LONG BEACH.—We are badly in need of a grocery clerks' union here. I am working for a local concern that is working all their help 12 hours a day without a lunch hour—one man to each store, with one day a week off.

They pay very little. I happen to be one of their women clerks and of course they can only work 8 hours. Can you please give me some information as how to organize or can you send some one to organize a union here?

(Grocery clerks are eligible for the Retail Clerks' Union, A. F. of L. This worker should contact the Central Labor Council of Long Beach for complete information.—Ed.)

Boycott the anti-union fascist Hearst Press. Read the workers paper the Western Worker.

'VIGILANTE IS THUG WITHOUT ANY BRAINS!'

Worker Describes Terror in Orange Pickers' Strike In the South

By a Worker Correspondent
SANTA ANA.—Someone asked me the other day, what a vigilante was.
I replied:
"A vigilante is a big thug without any brains who, with others of his kind, in overwhelming numbers, swoops down on unarmed workers and defenseless women and children, gassing them and beating them with clubs and guns and then, before those attacked can bestir themselves, rush back to their cars and drive away, full speed."

This is exactly what has happened in Orange County. Armed thugs, without the slightest provocation, have brutally attacked men, women and children. Perpetrated at the behest of the growers and doubtless with the full knowledge of Sheriff Moran Jackson, these outrageous crimes have proved Democracy to be but a platitude and Fascism to be an actual menace.

WHO COMMITS VIOLENCE

The history of the present citrus strike will be one of violence, intimidation, unjust arrests, frame-ups, deportations, impartiality and lies—on the part of the fascist growers and their tooges. Peaceful assemblies at Anaheim, Placentia and El Moleña have been broken up, women and children injured and workers dispersed by tear gas and clubs. Workers have been arrested by the scores on trumped-up charges of "violations of the Motor Vehicle Act," "drunkenness" and what-not.

MONEY FOR TERROR

Rather than meet the demands of the strikers which are, namely, union recognition, 40 cents an hour for a 9-hour day with a minimum of 30 boxes and seven cents a box beyond the minimum, and the elimination of transportation charges, thousands of dollars have been spent in the hiring and equipping of special deputies and the stocking of an arsenal with a view to intimidation and organized violence.

A blacklist is known to exist. Several packing houses are reported to be fingerprinting pickers and house-help; others are requiring complete identification. The reactionary Santa Ana Register has consistently refused to publish any statements of the strikers.

The local radio station, "the Voice of the Orange Empire," is maintaining a conspiracy of silence. The American Fruit Growers, the Independent and Mutual Orange Distributors and exchange houses are cooperating to break the strike.

Wholesale eviction of the striking pickers and their families in the La Habra and other areas is planned. The Mexicans, who to the work that "100 per cent Americans" are "too good" to do, are forced to live, on starvation wages in shacks and hovels, and now they are to be put out if these. The Immigration Office will deport "aliens" to Mexico.

JOBLESS WIN SINGLE MEN'S RELIEF AGAIN

Unemployed Union's Grievance Committee Forces SRA to Rescind Order Six Months Old

By a Worker Correspondent.
SAN BERNARDINO.—Last January all of the single men—except a few "pets"—were ordered to go to the camps or be cut off relief. Out of about 160 slated to go, only 55 enrolled for the camps.

The rest were cut off relief—forced to go on the bum, or live by begging, stealing, or junking around town. Several times committees and individuals took up the fight, but did not get very far.

RELIEF WON

On June 10th a single man, who had been off since January, fought his case through to a successful conclusion with a grievance committee from the Public Works and Unemployed Union. It took an hour and a half of battling with the relief officials, but at least they gave him an emergency food order. On the following Monday, he was definitely reinstated on SRA, with a budget of \$11.96 per month.

NO GRIEVANCE!

A day or so later the committee met to take up another single man's case, but when they called at the office, the relief agent informed them that the worker had no grievance—all he had to do was to apply to the intake department and he would be put back on SRA.

The ruling against single men being granted relief had been rescinded on the 11th, the day after the committee gained its first decision!

Having won this important victory, it is up to us now to carry on the fight to raise the relief budgets from the present slow-starvation level.

Ranchers Wail But Workers Starving

(By a Worker Correspondent.)

The well-to-do ranchers this year are crying again. They blame for their troubles the canners' league and other associations who market their fruit. Also they are bitter and sarcastic against the WPA. They claim there is a scarcity of labor and high wages have to be paid.

As if 25 and 30 cents an hour, which is the prevailing wage, was high with the present cost of living! They would like to see the end of all relief so they could have a plentiful supply of labor to choose from, to profit by the helplessness of the workers. They term themselves producers and scorn and look down at us, the help who really produce the stuff.

For the last two or three years they got good prices for their products and proclaimed the old hokey that the wages were as high as they could afford. The scanty raise in wages since 1933 had to be fought for by the workers led by the Communist Party in most parts of California.

Generally speaking the migratory farm worker is employed only in broken periods of time and works hard for a little pay. The average man does not get over 90 days work scattered throughout the year. Many get less.

When he does not work, he is traveling all over California in freight trains or ancient flivvers trying to find something to go. No luxuries or comforts of any kind for him. Most of the time he sleeps outside and is lucky if he can save a few nickels for the nights that are too cold or wet to do so. He either cooks his own food or eats in cheap and sloppy restaurants that make him sick.

Now if they abolish all kinds of relief as most farmers hope for, our lot would be much harder. Our army would increase by leaps and bounds and the roads would swarm with migratory men looking for work.

After you have read your copy of the Western Worker, pass it on.

Workers Faced Death a Few Miles Away



STRIKING FARM WORKERS were facing death and terror in their struggle for \$1.50 a day wages, just a few miles away, but President Roosevelt did not have a word to say about it when he spoke at Little Rock, Ark., last month. Ironically enough, he called for legislation to safeguard human welfare.

Worker Tells of Organization of Orange Pickers

By a Worker Correspondent.

SANTA ANA.—The history of the organization of the Orange Pickers' Union here in Orange County should be interesting and provide some background for the strike now going on against the growers and their vigilante-sheriff pals.

William Velarde, leader of the CUCOM (Confederation of Mexican Unions), and Lucas Lucio, Mexican consular representative in this country, started to organize the pickers in the groves late last fall, but the two of them failed to get along and Velarde then dropped out.

JUST PROMISES

Lucio promised a lot of things to the workers, such as defense for them if arrested, with Maxwell Burke of this city acting as attorney. But he didn't keep his promise, so the workers went back to get Velarde to organize them.

Shortly after the strike started in the groves, about six weeks ago, Lucio took a run-out powder and announced he did not call the strike and would have nothing more to do with it.

"HUMILIATION!"

Ricardo Hill, Mexican consul in Los Angeles, and Lucio have been trying to get 5000 Mexican workers "re-patriated" to Mexico, promising them free transportation and land, and saying that the strike is "humiliation too great for any Mexican to stand."

However, the workers are sticking to the strike and are growing more militant and determined to win the strike than ever. With fruit rotting on the trees, it looks like the strike will be won by the union.

Velarde also helped organize the orange pickers in the groves around Whittier in Los Angeles County, and they also went out on strike.

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READERS SAY

Lemke Is Fascist

Editor:

I am an old-time worker on the firing line since 1892, when I and another Farmers' Alliance man published the first Populist newspaper in this state.

Now we have the Socialist, the Communist, the Union Labor Party, the Farmer-Labor Party, the Share-the-Wealth Party, the Sinclair Produce-for-Use Party, and the Union Party.

Their principal demands are not antagonistic, and they have one common enemy, the money power. None of these organizations alone, each of these organizations is controlled by a few ambitious men who won't chance losing prominence by uniting with other parties.

LEMKE AND HEARST

You create prejudice against your party by your unjust attack on Senator Lemke, classing him with Hearst.

Senator Lemke's record makes him the man to lead the new party and he aims to strike at the cursed Banking System that enslaves us. The Communist Party with its just but unattainable demands, can continue its side show indefinitely, or it can join with the other progressive organizations against a common enemy with a chance of success to liberate the grip of the money that is making paupers of all of us.

E. A. May.

FOR FARMER-LABOR PARTY

ANSWER: The demands of the Communist Party and all other sincerely pro-labor and anti-fascist organizations, are at opposite poles from the "demands" of Congressman Lemke and the "Union Party," the creation of the fascist radio priest, Father Coughlin.

The Communist Party consistently with all its might carries on a fight for the unity of the people against threatening reaction, fascism, hunger and war, and calls for all pro-labor organizations to join in the building of a mighty people's front, a Farmer-Labor Party. Such a Farmer-Labor Party would exclude definitely the fascist "Union Party" and all the Lemke-Coughlin-Hearst crew.

It is true that Lemke in the past took several progressive stands, but his present alignment with Father Coughlin, the tool of Hearst and the Liberty League brands him as a fascist.

The Communist Party states that the most vital issue of the current election campaign is fascism versus democracy, and calls for the working people to vote Communist for the fight against fascism, for the building of a Farmer-Labor Party. We believe that the American working people will learn, through their united struggles against reaction that the "unattainable demands" of our Party are as attainable here as they proved in the Soviet Union, that it will be necessary in the not too distant future to overthrow capitalism and set up a workers and farmers' government,—a Soviet America.

—Editor.

Soviet Film Dates

Redondo Beach.

Dear Editor:

I've a criticism on which I hope action can be taken as it is very serious. This is the matter of dates when you announce a meeting or Soviet picture.

On numerous occasions a meeting is announced and the date is passed before we get the paper.

On the matter of the Soviet pictures. You frequently announce that a certain picture will arrive on a certain date and do not state how long it will be shown.

We are in the country 20 miles from Los Angeles and have no telephone. We do not take a daily paper, depend for our news on the radio and the Western Worker.

It is too expensive to run into the city and take a chance that the picture we wish to see has left. We have missed a number that we would have attended. Later someone would tell us "That picture played three weeks." We could not make it the first week and took it for granted the picture had left.

Please give the closing dates of all Soviet pictures.

Comradely yours,
E. C.

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Chico.

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Comradely yours,
I. M.

Appreciates W. W.

Los Angeles.

Dear Editor:

I received your letter regarding expiration of my subscription. I may truly state that the Western Worker is very much appreciated and needed here, but unfortunately, owing to an accident, I haven't been able to work and as our income ceased, we are now entirely broke. However, if you can continue sending us the paper regularly, I hope to be able to pay up in full and extend our subscription soon. Hoping soon to be able to contribute my little bit to give the W. W. the circulation it deserves, I am sincerely yours,
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MACHINISTS IN E. BAY STRIKE 100 PER CENT

Rat in Union Office Acts to Split Workers; Worker Predicts "Rollers" For Him

By a Worker Correspondent.

OAKLAND.—Machinists' Union 284 took a strike vote Sunday, July 19th, and today are off the job 100 per cent.

As the prostitute press, those that mentioned the affair at all, gave such a garbled account of what it was all about, I am doing my best to give it to you straight.

We were four and one-half hours in meeting, which would have been over in 30 minutes, only our bosses had their representative there in the shape of a rat who fills one of the chairs in our Grand Lodge office. We will put the rollers under him later—and maybe some more of them.

DEMANDS

We are out for 90 cents an hour minimum for journeymen machinists, 75 cents for specialists, 65 cents for helpers. But the boss and the rat want to split up the specialists and helpers into seven or eight more classifications.

There are 37 shops out including, Oliver Filter, Atlas Diesel and many others in Oakland; Man's shop in Berkeley, also Byron and Jackson, and Hall and Scott plants. There are over 450 workers out at Caterpillar in San Leandro. The scale we are out for is already established in shipyards and all San Francisco shops.

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Seeing RED

By Michael Quin

"THE FIRST LEGION"

Somehow it reminded me of a four-horse team harnessed to a wheel barrow. The Federal Theater project in San Francisco is turning out an excellent performance in its present production of "The First Legion" at the Columbia. But all their skill and effort is applied to a play that is both unimportant and ridiculous.

It probes into the anxiety and tortured dreams of a group of Catholic Jesuits in a monastery somewhere in America. They grope like black-hooded sorcerers through a gloomy atmosphere, with God haunting the scene like the troubled ghost of an ancient castle. Amidst their hallucinations and mental sicknesses, two miracles, one a hoax and the other the product of all powerful faith, are inserted to bolster the complete collapse of their logic.

The Jesuits, a Catholic order referred to as "God's own storm troopers," are tantamount to the brain trust of the Catholic Church. Men of science and of great learning, they were originally intended to secure scientific development within the province of religion. The strictest renunciation of all pleasures of the flesh are included in their vows.

POINTLESS AGONIES

The terrible psychological suffering of these men, pledged through their fanaticism to an existence of self-imposed torture, is revealed in the play—but revealed in a sympathetic manner which insists on viewing their hideous mental hell as heroic achievements of importance to mankind.

The plot centers around the mental agony of three young Fathers who have difficulty convincing themselves that there is any sense in their self-chosen misery. One is a former lawyer who is irked by the narrow-minded censorship imposed upon magazine articles he writes. Another is a young man who gave up his sweetheart as a sacrifice to please God. Another was a talented musician who renounced his music for the same reason.

he lawyer wanted to write, the lover wanted to love, and the musician wanted to play. But their holy vows prevented them.

In a moment of rebellion, one of the three was about to renounce his vows. The play regarded this as the direct mistake. At the crucial moment, a heretic doctor in the monastery concocted an artificial miracle which so impressed the young rebel that he plunged back into the fold.

THE DEADLOCK

Then came a deadlock from which only a miracle could release the troubled Fathers. A Jesuit is pledged to his God to tell the truth and likewise pledged not to reveal confidence unthought to him in the confessional. The heretic doctor goes to confession and reveals his crime to the young lawyers Father.

Now, answer me, what was the young Father to do? If he failed to reveal the fraud, he would be countenancing a ridiculous piece of fakery. If he did reveal it, he would be breaking the solemn pledge of the confessional which "No priest has ever broken, and no Priest ever will," according to the young Father's belief.

One way or another, he was screwed. He didn't know which way to turn. Just as I was about to shout a few suggestions from the audience, God intervened and made a crippled boy walk, thus, at a single stroke, saving the young Father from insanity and myself from getting thrown out of the theater.

GOOD ACTING

Edwin Max, who plays Father Ahern, gives a fine performance and we can expect to see great things from him when he is given roles worthy of his talents. Young Berry Drew, who did so well in "Chalk Dust," is sadly miscast as a Jesuit, but does his level best. Daniel Pennell played the Rector so well that he almost created an illusion of importance around the nonsensical superstitions he was cast to espouse.

Richard Allen played the heretic doctor who constantly ridiculed his Holy patients. He seemed to enjoy the part immensely and was well suited to it.

Edwin McDonald, David Cole, V. P. Newmark, Will H. Vedder and Bert Searles did excellently in their various roles, although I haven't space to comment on them singly. Robert Adams was miscast, but did his best. We hope to see him get a better fitting role in future productions.

Although the play took itself very seriously, a good part of the audience responded with laughter which meant no offense against the actors but was the normal reaction to the floundering logic of the play itself.

ANTI-HITLER TERRORISTS

PARIS.—General von Woelfer, chief of staff of the aviation department, and Mr. Streck, close friend of Hitler, have been killed recently in a series of attacks by followers of Roehm (former chief of staff of storm troops, shot in 1934), according to reports here by the Berlin correspondent of Liberte.

Japan Government Bans Issue of U. S. Magazine

RECORDS OF POPULAR SONG HIT SEIZED

NEW YORK.—The May issue of Current History magazine was banned at Tokyo and four copies were confiscated out of the mail. Martial law still prevails there and the strictest censorship of incoming mail is maintained.

Reason for barring the magazine is that it contained two articles on Japan, one a survey by Professor Charles Hodges; the other a biography of the late Korekiyo Takahashi, Japanese financier slain by military assassins in the February murder purge. The biography was written by his son, Riichi Takahashi, who stated:

"In Japan there are assassins and people who cry 'War!' They are Japanese, but they are not the Japanese people. The Japanese nation does not settle its differences with murder; it does not rattle its sabers at the world."

ARMY HOT-HEADS

"Last February, my father and Viscount Saito were assassinated. It was the work of a few army hot-heads. This, Americans must understand, for a nation must not be held responsible for what a few will do or say."

"My father's assassins were incensed because he cut down the military budget. If they were right, I must hold them blameless. If what they did would benefit the country, I cannot regret my father's death."

"Yet I can see their act only as a very stupid blunder which can have its only benefit in the prevention of such things in the future."

POPULAR SONG HIT

Another example of censorship is the suppression by the Japanese government of the popular song hit, "Wasurecha Iya-yo," (Oh Don't Forget Me, Honey, Please!). Sung by Hamako Watanabe, popular Japanese singer, thousands of phonograph records of the song have flooded Japan and have even reached Japanese residents of America.

For reasons as yet unclear, a government ban has been placed on the song and records are being confiscated and destroyed as rapidly as possible. In Osaka, 50,000 of the discs were seized within 24 hours.

THE TREE AND THE MONKEYS

An ancient ape once upon a time Disliked exceedingly to climb, And so he picked him out a tree And said: "Now this belongs to me." I have a hunch that monkeys are mutts, And I can make them gather nuts And bring the bulk of them to me By claiming title to this tree."

He took a green leaf and a reed, And wrote himself a title deed, Proclaiming pompously and slow: "All monkeys by these present know." Next morning when the monkeys came, To gather nuts, he made his claim: "All monkeys climbing on this tree Must bring their gathered nuts to me Cracking the same on equal shares, The meats are mine, the shells are theirs."

"By what right," they cried, amazed, Thinking the ape was surely crazed. "By this," he answered, "If you'll read You'll see it is a title deed, Made in precise and formal shape And sworn before a fellow ape Exactly on the legal plan Used by the wondrous creature, man, In London, Tokyo, New York, Glengary, Kalamazoo, and Cork. Unless my deed is recognized, It proves you quite uncivilized."

"But," said one monkey, "you'll agree 'It was not you who made this tree. 'Nor," said the ape, serene and bland, "Does any other make this land? 'Yet it, and all its herit-a-ments 'Are his, and figure in the rents." The puzzled monkeys sat about They could not make the question out, Plainly, by these precedent and law; The apes procedure showed no flaw; And yet, no matter what he said, The stomach still denied the head.

Up spoke one sprightly monkey then, "Monkeys are monkeys and men are men." The ape should try his legal capers On man who may respect his papers. We don't know deeds; we do know nuts; In spite of "ands," and "ifs," and "buts," We know who gathers and unmeats 'em, By monkey practice, also eats them, So tell the ape and all his flunkies, No man's tricks can be played on monkeys, Since monkeys' minds are crass and crude, And monkeys all so ill-advised, Still eat their nuts uncivilized.

Anonymous.

ANTI-SOVIET PLANS

TOKIO.—"Different problems of German-Japanese relations," doubtless related to the anti-Soviet Union agreement between the two countries, are being discussed here by Mr. Kuehlmann, formerly Secretary of Foreign Affairs of Germany, with Japan's premier.

The Arts Belong to Them



In capitalist nations, the arts are the special province of wealthy parasites and the talents of creative workers are dissipated in pandering to the depraved tastes of these idlers. In the Soviet Union, art belongs to the workers; it is an expression of their society and their aspirations. Pictures are not painted to capture the fancy of a bored snob, but to express the real soul of the people and inspire their efforts. Above: the opening of the new Central Museum of Lenin in the Red Square at Moscow.

SPIVAK BRINGS BACK GRAPHIC PICTURE OF EUROPEAN SITUATION

EUROPE UNDER THE TERROR, by John L. Spivak. (Simon & Schuster).

Reviewed by R. C. West.

Mr. Spivak has investigated conditions in fascist Europe. He has talked with the underground revolutionaries, with peasant farmers and workers, with statesmen and government officials and he has come out with a tale of terror indeed.

In Italy everyone is afraid to talk—even officials. If one says anything unfriendly about the regime, then one day, perhaps, he goes out of his house and does not return. The prisons are full. There are rumors of men rotting, body and soul, in dungeons.

Officials are all confused, full of evasions. They will tell you there are no strikes, for instance, and yet everybody in Italy knows there are strikes, just as there are desertions from the army and anti-war demonstrations. Because Mr. Spivak is a tough reporter, he got the facts for himself.

In Germany the telephones are at the same time dictaphones, also to record conversations for the secret police, at their central office. The country is run by "gangsters." Nazis extort tribute from practically all firms, stores, and places of business, each having his allotted territory, like the public enemies in American cities.

Spivak had an appointment with a Communist—who showed up in full Nazi uniform.

In all these terroristic countries there is deep poverty among the workers and peasants. There is in Poland a dead city, a city where garment workers huddle in the half-light of their tenements, working 18 hours a day for a few cents. Their children are stunted and malformed from lack of nutrition. Many of the peasant farmers of Poland grow wheat, but do not eat bread. They live mostly on potatoes, and wish for a little salt to flavor them. Poland is a stricken land. The people hate the government. Hunger is driving them, like wolves, to show their teeth. Here one can see at what inhuman cost fascism keeps capitalism alive.

It is much the same in Czechoslovakia. The peasants are driven to both murder and suicide. Tax-collectors come with armed guards and take the last cow, even vegetables, to satisfy the government. The farmers see salt going out of the mines in car-loads, but it is rare luck if they can buy a little for themselves.

In Austria is the united front (underground) of communists, socialists, and illegal labor unions. They are working together for freedom and combined they have a strong force.

"Europe Under the Terror" is a book to shake the complacency out of individuals who think they are not of the struggle. It is ably written and is a fair report. It makes clear the issue confronting the world today.

Nazis Spend More Than Four Billion for War

LONDON.—Neville Chamberlain told the House of Commons here that the estimate of \$4,026,000,000 for German Nazi expenditures for war preparations, made by Winston Churchill, does not seem excessive.

The probable correctness of Churchill's estimate was thus conceded for the first time by the government. Churchill revealed 52 firms had been offered munitions contracts, 14 accepting.

SWISS FORBID MEETING

GENEVA.—Secretary General Jouhoux, of the French Confederation of Labor, and other foreign trade unionists have been barred from addressing a large meeting of Geneva trade unions by the Swiss authorities. The trade unions moved the entire meeting to Annemass, neighboring town on French territory easily accessible by trolley car from Geneva, so they could hear a report on the strike movement in France.

Women On the March

Conducted by Marjorie Crane

A young woman comrade, mother of a couple of fine children, told us something she was reminded of during this recent police exposure.

When her husband was out of work in Los Angeles, she got a job in the canneries in San Pedro, 25 miles away. He sent out word one evening that her little girl was sick, and so she hitched into Los Angeles at 12 o'clock at night.

"It took me a number of lifts to get in, but I didn't have to wait long between rides. The first one that picked me up was a taxi driver, and he took me as far as he could before he had to get back to his station. Once a couple picked me up; several times men alone. And the only one that tried to bother me was a cop!"

"I was walking through Huntington Park watching for a ride, when he drove up and asked me what I was doing in the streets that late. I told him. He ordered me down one of the side streets. I didn't see any sense in that, so I kept on going after he turned the corner. Pretty soon, there he was again. He seemed friendly, and wouldn't I like a lift for a ways? Certainly! What could be safer than to ride with the law itself?"

"And then he drove down a side street and told me to move over next to him. When I told him I'd rather not, he threatened to run me in."

"I wouldn't be bullied, so he let me go. I was kind of shaky after that, but a couple of young newspaper men on their way to work picked me up and took me to my house."

"I wonder where they go," she added, "to find the kind of guys they have for police. They must be pretty choosy and pick over a wide selection to get them so uniformly rotten."

Japanese Trade 'Boom' No Break for Workers

NEW YORK.—Japan's farming population has paid for the Japanese trade "boom," which has brought no permanent rewards to the highly exploited workers, according to the Far Eastern Survey of the American Council, Institute of Pacific Relations.

"The purchasing power and real earnings of Japanese workers have diminished 7 per cent since 1932, thus wiping out the advance gained in real wages during 1932 and 1933," says William L. Holland, research secretary, in the institute's July 15th bulletin.

INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS INCREASING

YOKOHAMA, Japan.—According to an investigation made by the factory association of Kanagawa prefecture, the number of factory employees killed or injured has increased from 2582 in 1932 to 4745 in 1935, this is the highest number ever recorded for one year.

The increase is due mainly to the extension of working hours. The war inflation boom thus has meant increasing danger to the workers. The figures for this prefecture can be taken as typical of the whole country.

TENANT FARMERS DEMAND REDUCTION OF RENT

HANO-URA, Tokushima, Japan.—Two hundred and seventy-two tenants, headed by Kuhei Ichiraku, are conducting a struggle against the 153 landlords of this village, demanding a reduction of their rent and an increase in the premium for raising better rice. The dispute has been brought to the mediation court for settlement.

The large numbers involved in this dispute on both sides are an indication of the impoverished condition of Japanese agriculture.

Thirty-Four Deportation Cases Pending in U.S.A.

COMMITTEE BULLETIN GIVES HISTORIES

NEW YORK.—The July Bulletin just issued by the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born lists the case histories of 34 people held for deportation, 31 of whom are being defended by the Committee, of charges of being in the country "illegally," being a "public charge," for political opinion and for having committed and served sentence for crimes involving "moral turpitude."

In its introduction the Committee says: "The cases listed in this Bulletin give only a glimpse of the toll of human lives and the destruction of civil liberties, which the enforcement of the deportation laws entails. . . . In 1935, 8319 persons were deported from this country by force; and 7978 others left voluntarily when threatened with deportation. In the last 20 years about 200,000 people have been ejected from the United States."

Among the cases listed are many who fled the tyrannies of Fascism in their homeland, came to the United States for safety and now face deportation. Other anti-Fascists face persecution if returned to their homeland.

CASES PENDING

Listed in the bulletin are the following cases now pending:

Alexander, George, aged 19, a student, entered the U. S. in 1922; faces deportation to Greece.

Amaro, Jose, 20, student; entered 1935; faces deportation to Cuba.

Baer, Walter, 42, civil engineer, faces deportation to Germany.

Beckler, Erich, 32, store owner, entered 1928 from Germany.

Branch, James, 35, editor, entered 1925, from West Indies.

Brennan, Pat, 34, labor organizer, entered 1916, Ireland.

Bunker, Thomas, 31, barge worker, entered 1923, England.

Burke, Charles, 55, engineer, entered 1913, Germany.

Callow, Leon, 41, labor organizer, entered 1915, Bulgaria.

Cosman, Nathao, 16, student, entered 1926, Canada.

Costa, Charles, 41, shoemaker, entered 1926, Italy.

Dvornick, Anthony, 42, seaman, entered 1923, Yugoslavia.

Ferrero, Vincent, 48, chef, entered 1905, Italy.

Finklestein, Isaac, 32, seaman, entered 1923, Poland.

Froudakis, Vassilios, 52, coal miner, entered 1912, Greece.

Ganghofer, Joseph, 30, Restaurateur, entered 1935, Germany.

Gardos, Emile, 34, editor, entered 1922, Hungary.

Geoffrin, George, 47, chef, entered 1913, France.

Hertz, Arthur, 32, hospital worker, entered 1930, Germany.

Lougas, George, 34, chef, entered 1927, Greece.

Martini, Benno, 36, author, entered 1924, Germany.

Miller, Alfred, 33, editor, entered 1929, Germany.

Mueller, Adam, 40, hospital worker, entered 1927, Germany.

Muhlmann, Ervin, 27, seaman, entered 1935, Germany.

Ohm, Carl, 29, teacher, entered 1929, Germany.

Richter, Otto, 21, coppersmith, entered 1933, Germany.

Rowoldt, Charles, 52, laborer, entered 1914, Germany.

Sallitto, Domonick, 34, restaurateur, entered 1922, Italy.

Saupe, Walter, 19, seaman, entered 1935, Germany.

Sikinger, Maximilian, 23, seaman, entered 1935, Germany.

Vendemmia, Henritta, 63, housewife, entered 1939, Italy.

Warnick, Jack, 28, student, entered 1909, Canada.

Watson, Frank, 28, actor, entered 1917, Africa.

Werrmann, Fred, 39, chemical engineer, entered 1926, Germany.

Seriousness of deportation of anti-Nazis to Germany is emphasized by the recent report that Hans Kist, who was deported a short time ago by Canadian authorities, has been beaten to death in a concentration camp.

FUNDS NEEDED FOR DEFENSE OF DEPORTEES

The American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, an independent, non-partisan body, depending for its financial support upon voluntary contributions and affiliation fees, has appealed for funds to help in the defense of the 31 who face deportation and are being defended by the Committee.

The fight against deportation and for the right of asylum, the fight against discrimination and for equal rights for the foreign-born merits the support of every liberty-loving individual, who believes in the democratic principles upon which the Government of the United States was founded.

Contributions should be sent to the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, 100 Fifth ave., New York City.

People's Health

By FRANKLIN E. BISSELL, M.D.

If a worker is forced to call in the country doctor for a sick family member, or if a private physician is not certain of obtaining his fee, the doctor will often not take the time to explain in detail what is desired in the way of diet for the patient.

If Johnny has a high fever, the doctor may order a "liquid diet" without explaining what he means by this. Among the best foods to give to fulfill such a diet are fruit juices of all sorts. Care should be taken not to make these beverages too sweet as sugar may upset the patient.

Milk and eggs given in various forms with fruit juices offer the patient a balanced variety. Add broths and gruels as desired by the patient in order to give sufficient food value.

I hope that Comrade Marjorie Crane won't object to my suggesting some recipes for Mama to use in combining these foods. I promise not to come into the kitchen except when someone is sick.

Milk Shake—Mix two tablespoons sugar, ½ teaspoon vanilla, and one cup of milk in a shaker or glass fruit jar. Add shaved ice. Fasten cover and shake well. When milk is frothy, pour it into tumbler and serve at once.

Albuminized Milk—Beat one egg-white until stiff, then add two tablespoons cracked ice, ½ cup of cold milk, and a pinch of salt. Beat until well mixed. The same recipe can be used for albuminized water.

Whey—Heat ¾ cup of milk to lukewarm temperature, and add ½ teaspoon of rennet or essence of pepsin. Set in a warm place until firm. Turn into a strainer covered with two thicknesses of cheese-cloth and set in a cold bowl. Cut the curd with a knife and let stand until the whey has drained from the curd.

Egg Lemonade—1 egg, 2-3 cup water, two tablespoons lemon juice, two tablespoons sugar. Beat egg well (some may prefer it beat separately, the stiff egg-white making a foamy beverage), add other ingredients, serve with cracked ice. The above recipe can be used for a variety of fruit juices as orange, canned peach, pear, etc.

Egg Nog—1 egg, ¾ cup milk, one tablespoon sugar. Beat egg-white stiff. Add sugar to well-beaten egg yoke, also vanilla, if desired, and milk. Fold in egg-white. (The egg may be beaten together or separately.) The above recipe can be used for chocolate egg nog by adding one tablespoon cocoa either directly to egg yoke or mixed with water and boiled.

Barley Water—One tablespoon pearl barley, ½ teaspoon salt, two cups cold water. Wash barley and soak over night in cold water. Add salt and cook until it has boiled down to one cup. Strain twice.

Barley Gruel—One tablespoon barley flour, ½ tablespoon cold water, ½ cup boiling water, ½ teaspoon salt. Mix flour and salt with cold water, add boiling water gradually, stirring constantly, and boil until thickened. Salt to taste. Strain through very fine sieve.

LITVINOV RECEIVES ORDER OF LENIN ON HIS 60TH BIRTHDAY

MONTREUX, Switzerland.—After years of service as a diplomat of the Soviet Union, winning tribute and recognition even from his enemies, Maxim Litvinov, Commissar of Foreign Affairs, was notified on his recent 60th birthday that he had been decorated with the Order of Lenin.

Congratulatory messages from Joseph V. Stalin and other high Soviet Union officials were received in great numbers by Litvinov, who has been attending the Dardanelles conference here, where he won another victory for the Soviet Union in securing the right for the Soviet Navy to pass through the straits strategic to defense of the land of socialism.

PEIPING STUDENTS PREPARING FOR DEMONSTRATION

PEIPING, China, July 3.—More than 20 schools have recently joined the Peiping Students Joint National Salvation Association recently. At the present time, about 60 schools are members of the Association.

It is reported that the students are preparing to stage a large-scale demonstration in the near future, against the increase of Japanese troops in North China. The activities of the students in educating the people about the national crisis are considered to be of great importance.

Ta Kung Pao, July 4

SKODA DOING NICELY

PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia, June 14.—Skoda, Central Europe's largest armament firm, showed a considerable increase in turnover and net profits during 1935, according to its annual report which was published a few days ago. Net profits rose from 11,200,000 to 39,600,000 crowns. One item in the increase of business was a \$25,000,000 contract from Roumania, that country's first step toward the fulfillment of a \$220,000,000 military program to be spread over a period of 10 years.

Important Light on Sailors Charter in Letters to I. L. A.

Red Scare Dont Help Organize Agriculture Workers

BASIS LAID OF RETURN TO AFL BY SAILORS' U.

I. L. A. District Executive Also Favors Opening of Awards By Longshoremen

In its meeting at Seattle which started July 10, the I. L. A. Pacific Coast District Executive Board considered quite a few important questions, but the most important were those concerning the opening of the longshoremen's award, and the long and serious discussion of the restoration of the Sailors Charter.

As has already been reported in the WESTERN WORKER, the Board recommended that the membership vote for opening the award.

NEGOTIATIONS REPORTED

As to the S. U. P. charter, the Board had reported to the effect that the Sailors Union had been negotiating with Ivan Hunter I. S. U. secretary - treasurer regarding the return of the charter which the I. S. U. executive board had taken away last January. A correspondence between the I. L. A. District Executive Board and the I. S. U. and Sailors Union parties concerned illuminating, and that's why the recommended.

WESTERN WORKER reprints it. First is the letter from Harry Lundberg to Matt Meehan:

Matt Meehan, District Sec'y, I. L. A.

3115 Arcade Building, Seattle Rumors that Sailors Union had submitted proposals I. S. U. unfounded although about a month ago we did state in communication to them that we would be willing to consider any fair terms stop. To date we have received no reply from them to this communication stop. Basic terms as expressed through membership meetings, etc. art tha we cannot consider leaving Maritime Federation and will not accept new constitution.

(Signed) HARRY LUNDBERG.

HUNTER'S LETTER

Then came the letter from Ivan Hunter, which speaks for itself: "Mr. Matt Meehan, Dist. Sec'y, I. L. A. Pacific Coast District, 3115 Arcade Bldg., Seattle, Washington.

Dear Sir: In reply to your day letter received by me on Monday, I wired you to the effect that I would write you on Tuesday.

"Certain negotiations have been going on for the purpose of healing the breach between the International Seamen's Union and the Sailors' Union of the Pacific. These were carried on between the attorneys representing the Sailors' Union of the Pacific and the International Seamen's Union.

"I may say, however, that the Conference brought out the fact that the terms submitted by both parties were very close to each other, and that differences remain as to only three points.

I. S. U. TERMS

"To make my position clear, I am willing to recommend that the International Seamen's Union of the Pacific; allow the District Unions on the Pacific Coast to designate the representatives for the purpose of negotiations with the shipowners; allow the District Unions to designate the representatives of the Labor Relations Board; agree that if desired all future agreements be submitted to a referendum vote of the membership; and agree to cooperate with the Pacific Coast District Unions for the welfare of our membership in every respect.

"In return we, of course, expect compliance with the constitution and by-laws of the International Seamen's Union and the policies and traditions of the American Federation of Labor; compliance with all agreements and awards, and discontinuance of so-called 'quickie' strikes or job action in violation thereof.

THREE POINTS AT ISSUE

"The three points, which are fundamental and upon which difficulty was encountered in coming to an agreement on this point, are as follows:

No. 1—I have no power to

Real Support

OAKLAND.—International organizer Walter Nash's threat to revoke the Machinists Local 234 charter unless they called off their strike hasn't scared the 1600 strikers.

But not only that. San Francisco Machinists Local 68 has pledged its support to the strikers in the following words:

"San Francisco Lodge No. 68 desires to inform the public that our attitude relative to the machinists' strike now existing in Oakland and the East Bay area, that at a regular meeting the membership discussed the subject and expressed a definite disposition to render every possible aid and assistance to the members of our sister local to establish the conditions they are striking for.

Notwithstanding the many statements issued by the employers and their agents to the effect that the strike is unorganized, our organization in San Francisco recognizes the justice of the position of Local 234, and proposes to leave no stone unturned to bring about a solution of the strike that is satisfactory to the membership of the Oakland local."

That's solidarity for you, even in the face of sabotage of the strike by the Grand Lodge reactionary officials.

6-Hr. Day Cut Out On SF Municipal Building Jobs

SAN FRANCISCO.—A dangerous precedent has been set by the Civil Service Commission in recommending to the Board of Supervisors that the 6-hour day be eliminated on all municipal construction projects. "A potential shortage of skilled labor" is the excuse given for the setting up of an 8-hour day, 5-day week instead.

The Building Trades Council, which first opposed the change, later accepted it.

suspend the amendments to the constitution which were passed by our last Convention, but I am willing to recognize that the Sailors' Union of the Pacific, in becoming reinstated in the International Seamen's Union has the same right of testing the validity of such amendments in the same manner as the other District Unions of the Pacific Coast.

"No. 2—I have no power to order a referendum on these amendments, but am personally willing to recommend and strongly urge the next convention that it direct a referendum upon the aforesaid amendments to the constitution at the earliest possible moment.

No. 3—With respect to the Maritime Federation of the Pacific, I have no power to rescind the order of the Convention, which provided that the Pacific Coast District Unions could not affiliate or retain membership in the Maritime Federation of the Pacific unless said Maritime Federation of the Pacific changed its constitution and bylaws to comply with the constitution and by-laws of the International Seamen's Union and of the American Federation of Labor.

"I understand that the Maritime Federation of the Pacific has applied for a charter in the American Federation of Labor. If such charter is granted, that will immediately dispose of this question. In the meantime, I have no objection to the Sailors' Union of the Pacific co-operating with the other unions in the same manner as our other District unions are doing; and in any event, if the conditions laid down by the action of our Convention are complied with, that will solve the problem."

It seemed to the members of the I. L. A. District Executive Board that Hunter's letter gave the I. S. U.'s position fairly, and had a basis favorable to bringing back the S. U. P. into the I. S. U. and the A. F. of L., in addition to guaranteeing the right of the Sailors Union to negotiate their own agreements with the shipowners.

The San Diego Labor Council Case

By Lawrence May

Over thirty local labor unions in San Diego are apt to take action to reconvene their Federated Trades and Labor Council in spite of William Green's opposition if a favorable decision on the case is not forthcoming from the recent session of the A. F. of L. National Executive Board.

This Central body of the San Diego labor movement has not functioned since Green sent Joe Casey, Pacific Coast Organizer, here, to disrupt it in January, and every effort by the progressive majority to set it in motion through constitutional and legal action has failed. The history of events leading to and following the wilful disruption of the labor movement here is an interesting one.

Throughout the year previous to January 1936 San Diego had an increasingly progressive labor movement—a live, well-attended Federated Trades Council with all but two local unions affiliated; progressive young leaders with an almost unanimous following; represented on many civic committees; a growing membership in most of the unions—a labor movement that was a definite influence if not a power in city and county affairs, gaining more and more state-wide notice as it lifted its progressive head above the general fascist trend in California.

But in September 1935 the State Labor Federation held its convention in San Diego, and A. C. Rogers, Organizer and Secretary of the San Diego Federated Trades, dared to run for State Secretary against Paul Scharenburg.

VOTED AGAINST RED-BAITING

Moreover, Rogers and Harry Steinmetz, President of the local Council, as well as a majority of other San Diego delegates to the convention, dared to oppose the state machine on many issues in that machine-ridden convention. They voted in open roll-call vote against red baiting; they voted and talked for recognition of unemployed organizations, the League Against War and Fascism, and the American Youth Congress; for the formation of an anti-fascist Labor Party and for industrial unionism.

Opposition to progressives and their ideas had been almost nonexistent in the San Diego Central Council before the convention. Unanimous votes were cast to send Rogers and Steinmetz to speak at meetings of various organizations in protest of war and fascism and present day economic conditions. Steinmetz received unanimous assent to represent the Council at the national conference of the American Youth Congress held in Detroit last summer.

But after the State convention definite and open opposition developed. One Stanley Gue, who is employed by the state as labor Commissioner for San Diego County, became its vicious spokesman with a very small clique of reactionaries upholding him.

GUE BETS BUSY

Claiming membership in two unions, the Office Employees and the Letter Carriers, Gue began introducing red-baiting resolutions from the Letter Carriers, voted down in the Central Council meetings. In the more progressive Office Employees Union Gue had no influence.

He was also one of three mem-

Seattle Guild Goes to Mat With Hearst

SEATTLE.—The Newspaper Guild has squared off for another finish fight with fascist Hearst. This time it's due to the Hearst Seattle Post-Intelligencer firing the veteran news photographers Frank "Slim" Lynch, for being a Guild member. The Central Labor Council protested this Hearst action. Hearst later fired another Guild member, Everhardt Armstrong, drama critic for 17 years.

bers of the Federated Trades Board of Administration, which controlled the local labor paper and its editor. There were serious objections to the policy of this paper from the progressives.

Its editor, seventy years old, filled its pages with reprints of "canned" news, making no effort to obtain local news of interest to the labor movement. Occasionally his reprints contained choice bits of red-baiting. He began publishing his criticism of the local progressive leaders after the convention.

Early in January a resolution was read on the floor of the Central Council proposing the resignation of the editor. It was bitterly opposed by Gue, but won more than a two-thirds majority vote in its favor.

CASEY SLIPS IN In the meantime Joe Casey had been slipping into town on the "q. t." to confer with Gue and other representatives. Rumors of his presence preceded him, and finally on the night of January 15 he walked into a regular meeting of the Central Council. When he was given the floor he promptly dissolved the Council upon a "technicality," pronouncing all of its officers and delegates illegally elected.

This "technicality" was a pitfall that the progressives could have avoided with a little foresight, but it was not of their doing. Many years before the constitution of the local Council had been written to conflict with the A. F. of L. constitution in that it allowed unions with less than 100 members to elect five delegates to the Central Council, while the A. F. of L. constitution permitted only two. It was an oversight made to order for Casey's entering wedge against the progressive San Diego labor movement.

But the delegates went back to their unions and reported, and new elections were held. The most progressive of the progressive delegates were re-elected, although in the Office Employees Union Gue managed to have one progressive eliminated by packing the meeting with a number of new members who obviously voted under instructions.

REFUSAL TO SEAT STEINMETZ

Casey's next move was to refuse to seat Harry Steinmetz and Daisy Lee Worcester from the Teachers' union, A. C. Rogers from the Office Employees and

John Lydick from the Plasterers, even though each of them had been regularly and legally reelected.

He had been given full authority, he said, from President Green to handle the San Diego labor situation as he saw fit and would seat no delegate who did not meet with his approval.

Instead of holding a new election of officers for the Central Council, Casey appointed officers of his own choosing, and to demonstrate his utter disregard for the opinions and wishes of the ninety per cent progressive majority, appointed the reactionaries in the movement.

Carl Barnes, his appointee for the \$40 a week job of Secretary and Organizer, had been kicked out as business agent of the Carpenters' Union and was not even a delegate to the Central Council, which made his appointment doubly illegal.

Then Casey and his appointed officers refused to hold meetings of the Central Council at all. It was a case of not daring to face a hall full of outraged delegates.

APPEAL TO GREEN

Progressive delegates from 33 unions out of 40 held an open caucus to map out a course of battle. An appeal was sent to Wm. Green and to the A. F. of L. Executive Board, asking that Casey be instructed to comply with the A. F. of L. Constitution.

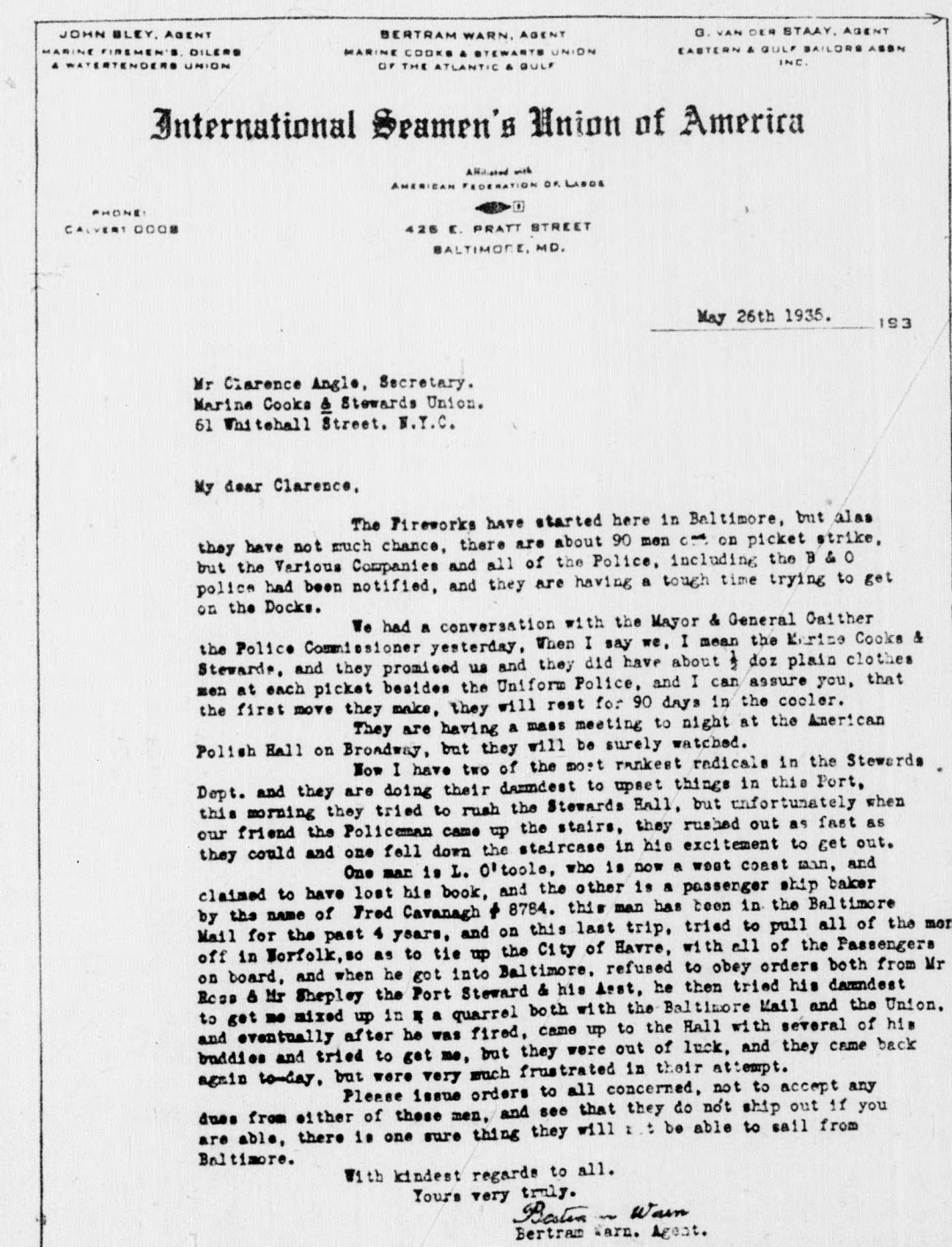
When sufficient time had been allowed and they found their appeal ignored, it was decided that Steinmetz, Rogers, Lydick and Daisy Lee Worcester on behalf of approximately 90 per cent of the Central Council delegates should file a court action for an injunction to restrain Casey and his reactionary officers from continuing to violate the A. F. of L. constitution.

But when the case was called, the judge ruled that inasmuch as it was the three local unions whose delegates were refused seats in the Central Council that were the injured parties rather than the entire body of delegates, it was these unions which should bring suit, namely the Office Employees, the Teachers and the Plasterers.

It was after resolutions had been passed in the separate meetings to bring suit to compel the seating of their delegates in the Central Council that Green took revenge on the Office Employees.

A Story of Treachery Is Written

FIREWORKS IN BALTIMORE



HERE'S A LETTER in which Bertram Warr, agent of the Marine Cooks and Stewards' Union in Baltimore, brags about cooperation he got from police and the Mayor in breaking the rank and file seamen's strike. It recently came to light.

The Bakers Are Gaining

LOS ANGELES.—The Bakers Union has gone a long way in the past five months toward cracking open-shoppism in this neck of the woods.

Rough stuff has been used by some of the boss bakers, as in the struck Hirschberg shop, but the work of successful organization goes right on.

About five months ago the Joint Board of Bakers locals 37, 31 and 453, here and in Long Beach, asked the International at Chicago that board member Jack Larripa be assigned as organizer for the drive. Larripa worked out an organization plan, which the Board unanimously adopted. A subcommittee of the Joint Board was formed and called the Organization Committee.

They meant business, and the results were big. Over 300 new members have signed up with Local 37, and about 75 in Local 31. The big success was complete organization of the Western Bakeries-40-hour week, 10 per cent wage increase, and all. A real business-like organization drive accomplished this.

California Labor Notes

SAN DIEGO.—The Building Trades Council here passed a motion to send a letter to William Green informing him that since the Federated Trades was abolished, many miscellaneous unions are coming to the Building Trades Council for aid. The letter insisted that Green reestablish his Federated Trades Council.

SAN FRANCISCO.—In conjunction with Masters, Mates and Pilots No. 90, the Marine Engineers Beneficial Assn. No. 97 has been distributing letters to Swayne and Hoyt engineers giving information about the agreements now held by the MEBA, and the benefits to be derived from being an MEBA member.

LOS ANGELES.—The Bakers Union here has elected Max Davidson and Morris Freeman as delegates to the Bakers international convention, in Pittsburgh Sept. 21. This convention will celebrate the international's 50th birthday.

RODEO.—Mine, Mill and Smelters Local 51 has gone on record concurring with the State Labor Federation's action in placing Shell Oil on the "We don't patronize" list. This lines up the Smeltermen behind the Oil Workers and four other unions against whom Shell has discriminated in favor of its company union.

SACRAMENTO.—All Walgreen Drug Stores have been put on the pan by the Central Labor Council, in response to the Culinary Workers request. Similar action, that is, placing on the unfair list was taken against the California Poultry Producers Assn., against which a strike was called here.

Bakersfield.—The August 4th meeting of the Kern County Central Labor Council will hear a second reading of the revised Constitution and by-laws, and a full attendance is urged.

Howard in Sharp Reply to Green On C. I. O.

PORTLAND, Ore.—Answering Bill Green's charges that the C. I. O. had "thwarted" organization of the steel industry, Charles P. Howard, President of the International Typo Union said "such a statement, in face of the record, is unbecoming the president of the A. F. of L."

He reminded Green that the 1934 A. F. of L. convention had directed him and his Executive Council to organize steel, but they did nothing. The C. I. O., said Howard, was formed in Dec., 1935 after hope had been lost that Green would carry out the convention's decision.

AGREEMENT OF GARRISON AND DOSS STRANGE

Meanwhile Landowners, Bankers Go Right Ahead With Their Union-Smashing Plan

SALINAS.—After the Conference of Agricultural Workers held at Stockton June 6 and 7, the Fruit and Vegetable Workers Union delegates came back and gave us a good report. They recommended that we continue to work in cooperation with future plans of this organization. Financial secretary Doss and President Mickey Shevlin of Fruit and Vegetable Workers Union 18211 viciously opposed the conference and denounced it as "Communist." And so a motion was made that the local have no further dealings with the conference was passed.

As far as Doss and Shevlin were concerned this was supposed to end the matter. But now they're both in hot water with the rank and file, and here's why:

THE 3 WHO AGREE

Col. Garrison of the Associated farmers came to Salinas recently, and sang the same tune as Doss and Shevlin. The Col. referred to the stockton conference in the same terms as they did. Strange that these three should agree.

Garrison branded Ed. Vandeleur, Mayor Rossi's lackey, a Communist. Still later, who should appear on the Salinas scene but Vandeleur, screaming at the top of his lungs that the Stockton conference was NOT Communist.

To make things more confusing Vandeleur told over 400 union men he was positive Col. Garrison was a Communist. It looks like the four of them are raising a red scare to keep the Fruit and Vegetable local in a fog.

Meanwhile the large landowners and the bankers are going ahead with plans to smash the trade unions and our leaders just run around raising a red scare instead of building a strong, solid, unified agricultural workers union.

Unions Assail Wage Cuts on Harbor Labor

SAN FRANCISCO.—Wage cuts for union groups employed by the State Harbor Commissioners Board were assailed by James McKnight of the Electrical Workers and William A. Speers of the Stationary Engineers.

Electricians were cut away below prevailing scales and engineers suffered an average of 25 per cent in wage cuts. The Harbor Commissioners refused to appear at the hearing. Pile drivers also protested the cuts.

Unions Won't Stand For Longer Hours On Fair Job

SAN FRANCISCO.—Organized labor doesn't propose to let the 1939 Exposition Co. get away with substituting the 8-hour day for the 6-hour day, and told Mayor Rossi so.

Work director Day said important parts of the world fair job cannot be finished by Dec. 15 if the 6-hour day is allowed, but labor thinks that's the bunk.

Union Butchers In Sacramento Convention

SACRAMENTO.—Union Butcher Workmen from all parts of California assembled in Sacramento, in annual convention last week. The important questions taken up at the recently ended international convention in Memphis were dealt with. President Maxwell of San Francisco presided over the sessions.